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Just before the memorial ceremony at the Berlin Airlift Memorial on Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, U.S. veterans roam the grounds to look at the different displays. Approximately 50 veterans came to the air base for a ceremony marking the 55th anniversary of the end of the first victory of the Cold War. The airlift ran from June 1948 to September 1949.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Serial killings suspect: Lawyers for Derrick Todd Lee, unable to save him from a first-degree murder conviction, now will try to keep the serial killings suspect alive by asking jurors to reject the death penalty in his case.

Jurors took just over an hour Tuesday to find Lee, already sentenced to life in prison for another killing, guilty for the slaying of 22-year-old Charlotte Murray Pace in 2002. The panel will begin hearing testimony Wednesday to determine whether Lee should be executed.

Gorilla escape: A \$10,000 fine has been levied by the U.S. Department of Agriculture against Dallas over the March escape of a gorilla from the Dallas Zoo, officials say. Zoo officials have said that Jabari, a 340-pound gorilla, leaped across a moat and wall before going on a 40-minute rampage. Four people were injured before police shot and killed the gorilla.

The city attorney's office says it is reviewing the letter from the Agriculture Department. Zoo officials said the penalty was contained in a letter sent in September.

Organ removal case: A prosecutor said Tuesday no criminal charges will be filed against doctors accused of taking vital organs from a suicide victim without making sure he was legally dead.

Colorado District Attorney Tom Raynes said he agreed with a panel of experts who concluded William Rardin, 31, was legally brain dead before doctors harvested his organs for transplant last month.

County Coroner Mark Young last week ruled Rardin died from "removal of his internal organs by an organ recovery team." He said two western Colorado hospitals failed to properly declare the man brain dead before his heart and other organs were removed.

Voter registration suit: A coalition of unions sued Florida elections officials Tuesday, arguing that thousands of voters have been disenfranchised by the rejection of their voter registration forms.

The lawsuit is similar to one filed by Democrats last week. It accuses Secretary of State Glenda Hood of violating federal law for telling the state's 67 elections supervisors that they should reject incomplete voter-registration forms.

Hood's office told the supervisors to disqualify voters who failed to check a box confirming they are U.S. citizens, even if they signed an oath on the same form swearing they are. Officials have maintained that state and federal law require the box to be checked.

Spector transcripts: Over the objections of prosecutors, a judge Tuesday sealed transcripts of grand jury proceedings that led to the indictment of rock producer Phil Spector on a murder charge.

But Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge David S. Wesley then transferred the case to the trial judge, Larry Paul Fidler, and said he wanted to give his fellow jurist a chance to review the transcripts before deciding whether to release them to the public.

Spector was indicted last month in the slaying of actress Lana Clarkson at his Alhambra mansion in February 2003.

The motion to seal the transcripts was filed by Spector's defense attorneys.

Business

Fannie Mae sues: Fannie Mae, ac-



Haiti tensions: Ex-soldier and rebel leader Remissionaire Ravix holds up a poster of alleged criminals during a protest in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Wednesday. Rebel soldiers say they are advancing on Haiti's capital to end violence that has claimed at least 46 lives, threatening conflicts with armed backers of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and U.N. peacekeepers.

cused by regulators of manipulating earnings, said Tuesday that the Justice Department has asked it to preserve records relating to its accounting practices as part of a criminal investigation.

In addition, the giant mortgage funding company said investors have filed or are preparing eight lawsuits against the company, chairman and chief executive Franklin Raines and chief financial officer J. Timothy Howard. The suits generally allege that Fannie's accounting violated federal securities laws, the company said in a regulatory filing. Another suit filed against members of Fannie's board of directors alleges a "breach of fiduciary duties," Fannie said.

US Airways deal: US Airways reached agreement with its lenders, including the federal government, to conditionally extend a financing arrangement that allows the company to operate while in bankruptcy.

The new deal extends until Jan. 15 an arrangement that allows the airline to tap funds from a \$900 million government-backed loan the airline received when it emerged from its first trip into bankruptcy in March 2003.

World

Swedish political killing: The man convicted of killing Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Linde was given a new lawyer, less than a month before his appeal before the Supreme Court.

In a decision released Wednesday by the country's highest court, the five justices said they removed Peter Althin as the lawyer for Mijalko Mujilovic and appointed Mikael Nilsson to be his public defender.

Bosnia border security: Bosnia has intensified security along Bosnia-Herzegovina's borders following reports that war-crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic is hiding in neighboring Serbia-Montenegro, Bosnian media reported Wednesday.

The Sarajevo daily Dnevni Avaz quoted an unnamed state border service official as saying that Karadzic most probably would want to return to the Serb half of Bosnia. Media in Serbia-Montenegro have reported that he was in hiding in the vicin-

ity of the Montenegrin sea resort Budva.

Milosevic witnesses: Slobodan Milosevic's attorney told the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, on Wednesday that the number of defense witnesses willing to appear in court is at a critical low.

Many witnesses slated to testify on Milosevic's behalf refused to appear after the former Yugoslav president was barred from conducting his own defense, his lawyer Steven Kay said.

He said some witnesses might "reconsider their positions" after an appeals court rules on whether to allow Milosevic to again represent himself, as he did during the first two years of his trial. A hearing on the appeal is set for Oct. 21, but it was not clear when the five-judge appellate court would deliver its ruling.

War on terrorism

German stance on Iraq: The German government said Wednesday that it won't budge from its refusal to send troops to Iraq, reinforcing its position after the country's defense minister appeared to suggest that Berlin might one day consider a deployment.

Germany strongly opposed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq and has refused to send any troops to the country — a position that officials have said will hold no matter who wins the U.S. presidential election.

Military

Missile defense: The military plans to place a sixth ballistic missile interceptor inside a silo at Fort Greely, Alaska, by the end of the month, nearing the end of the initial test phase for a national defense system critics contend is still highly flawed.

To prepare for activation, the military is conducting exercises and tests at the Interior Alaska post, where five of the 55-foot-long rockets have been installed since July, as an essential component of the Bush administration's national security policy.

Stories and photos from wire services

Correction

A story in Tuesday's editions about the increase in ticket prices at Army and Air Force Exchange Service movie theaters gave the wrong price for children's admission to regular releases. The price is \$1.50.

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V Corps training for possible return to Iraq

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — The Army headquarters that led the blacking invasion of Iraq and the first year of occupation duties there, launched initial field maneuvers this week in preparation to return to the war zone.

"We are operating on the assumption that some or all of us will be going back into the fight," Col. Sean MacFarland, head of operations for the Germany-based V Corps, told Stars and Stripes.

Exactly when that will be, he said, remains to be seen. Officials are remaining tight-lipped on specific deployment plans.

But with the Army outfitted with only three active corps — the nucleus for the top field command units in Iraq — MacFarland said it's only a matter of time.

The Fort Hood, Texas-based III Corps replaced V Corps in February and XVIII Airborne Corps in March of 2003, N.C. is preparing to relieve III Corps early next year.

If the cycle of yearlong deployments repeats itself, that would put V Corps on its way to Iraq in early 2006. Army leaders, however, have expressed hope of reducing Iraq tours to six months. That could mean a turnaround back to Iraq for V Corps as early as the summer of 2005.

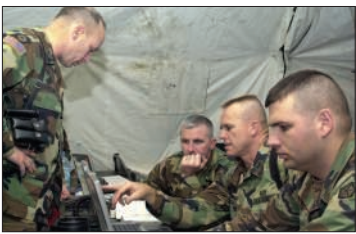
Regardless, MacFarland said, the corps could be ready to deploy as early as April.

In the meantime, there's a lot of work to be done.

Victory Start

Involving more than 3,000 troops, the corps began Victory Start on Monday.

The exercise is designed as the first major building block in the reconstitution of the corps' war-fighting skills since top staff and main



KRISTOPHER JOSEPH/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Col. Robert Radcliffe, V Corps chief of operations, left, discusses the progress of the corps' ongoing exercise, Victory Start, with operations staff members, from right, Sgt. Nick Kucharski, Lt. Col. Anthony Krogh and Maj. Christopher Doneksi, in the exercise's tactical operations center at the Grafenwöhr Training Area, Germany, on Wednesday.

support units returned from Baghdad.

Although troops have been setting up for the war games for the past two weeks, the exercise itself runs through Monday, split about 200 miles apart on opposite sides of central Germany. To the west, about 750 troops will work from the 1st Armored Division headquarters in Wiesbaden and 2,400 troops operate from the Army's main training range in Grafenwöhr, to the east.

The separation will allow commanders to replicate vast distances units must work across in Iraq.

"We're taking a crawl, walk, run approach to this, and Victory Start is the crawl-to-walk phase," said MacFarland.

"We'll fire up all of our equipment and give the staff some scenarios to work through," he said.

With about one-third of the staff new to the corps since it returned from Iraq in February, "this gives

everyone an opportunity to work together for the first time and establish our battle rhythm."

Deployment focus

With Victory Start under its belt, the corps staff will shift focus from training to the real-world oversight of pushing Europe-based units deploying to Afghanistan and Iraq. That will include, for example, training assistance for the Southern European Task Force, which is slated to take over command duties in Afghanistan.

"Then we'll shift back to training courses in March," said MacFarland.

In mid-March, the corps will return to the field for Victory Focus, for the "run level" of the corps' training.

The weeklong exercise will be conducted mostly at Grafenwöhr and be run by the Army's Battle Command Training Program from Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The pro-

XVIII Airborne readies to relieve Fort Hood unit

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

The Fort Briggs, N.C.-based XVIII Airborne Corps is preparing to take over the reigns of combat operations in Iraq.

The corps begins its weeklong Mission Rehearsal Exercise — a kind of predeployment final exam — on Saturday, according to corps spokesman Col. Billy Buckner. Once certified mission-ready, the corps headquarters will begin deploying in January, he said.

The XVIII Airborne, led by Lt. Gen. John Vines, will relieve the Fort Hood, Texas-based III Corps, which took over in February.

Meanwhile, support units, including the 525th Military Intelligence Brigade, 1st Corps Support Command and 18th Signal Support Group, will start deploying next month in preparation for the handoff.

In all, some 8,000 Fort Briggs-based soldiers will deploy to Iraq in the coming months.

Vines and his staff are slated to formally take over responsibility for Iraq in late February.

gram's staffs operate as a combination of evaluators and a free-thinking "opposing force" in simulations.

"We'll be in good shape after Victory Focus," said MacFarland. In terms of what comes next, however, "after that, it kind of gets a little murky, to be perfectly honest," he added.

The corps has canceled its annual Victory Strike exercise in Poland.

Considered the pinnacle of the

The deployment marks the second combat tour for XVIII Airborne Corps in the past three years. The corps headquarters led operations in Afghanistan for about a year beginning in June 2002.

The corps' assumption of duties in Iraq will coincide with a massive turnover of forces in the region as the military shifts from Operation Iraqi Freedom II to OIF III.

As many of the current units rotate out of Iraq, in-bound units falling under the corps will include:

■ 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Stewart, Ga.

■ II Marine Expeditionary Force from Camp Lejeune, N.C.

■ 42nd Infantry Division from the New York National Guard.

■ Elements of the 101st Airborne Division, from Fort Campbell, Ky.

The leaders and key staff from those units are now at Fort Briggs to prepare for the mission rehearsal exercise, said Buckner.

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corps' annual training plan, Victory Strike had been slated to run Aug. 15 to Sept. 15 next year.

"We really haven't been able to shape that time frame very well, due to all the uncertainty," said MacFarland.

Instead, whenever the corps does get its orders for deployment, the staff and support units will undergo a three-week Mission Rehearsal Exercise to certify the staff is good to go.

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New recruiters sought at Germany briefings

Stars and Stripes

WÜRZBURG, Germany — The Army Recruiting Command is signing up new recruiters at a series of briefings at bases in Germany over the next week.

According to a news release from the command headquarters in Fort Knox, Ky., noncommissioned officers who volunteer for a recruiting tour can select priority assignments under the New Assignment Incentive Program. Recruiters also receive \$450 per month in special-duty pay and may be eligible for meritorious promotions.

The schedule of briefings by Master Sgt. Keith Mills is:

■ Friday, 9:30 a.m. — Wiesbaden Education Center, Room 4, Wiesbaden; Friday, 1:30 p.m. — Pioneer movie theater, Hanau.

■ Monday, 9:30 and 2 p.m. — Leighton Barracks theater, Würzburg.

■ Tuesday, 9 a.m. — Tower theater, Grafenwöhr; 1:30 p.m. — Vilscek movie theater, Vilscek.

■ Wednesday, 9 a.m. — PIV movie theater, Heidelberg; 1:30 p.m. — Patch theater, Stuttgart.

■ Oct. 21, 9:30 a.m. — Galaxy theater, Kaiserslautern; 1:30 p.m. — TOP Hat Club, Mannheim.

■ Oct. 22, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. — Wagon Wheel theater, Heidelberg.

For more information, see the Web site www.us-army.army.mil/hq/recruiter, or contact Sgt. 1st Class Robert Curtis at DSN 350-7120.

Vets honor troops lost during Berlin Airlift

BY JESSICA INIGO

Stars and Stripes

RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, Germany — Harold Nance went through two combat tours in Vietnam and still he says his work with the Berlin Airlift from 1948 and 1949 was his toughest assignment.

Nance was one of 50 veterans at Rhein-Main Air Base attending a reunion and memorial service for troops who died during the Berlin Airlift. The ceremony was held at the memorial between the air base and the Gateway Gardens housing area, and marked the 55th anniversary of the end of the operation.

"I'm pretty proud to be here," said Nance. "Though the Army was in a support role, in a case where I'm not shooting at no one and no one is shooting at me, I take pride in this."

"I've done combat tours and I can tell you this was the hardest work I've ever done in my life," he said laughing and looking up at one of the display planes set up around the memorial. Nance said he worked seven days a week for 18 hours a day for 13 months.

The Berlin Airlift began after the Soviet Union tried to control all of Berlin by cutting surface traffic to and from the



JESSICA INIGO/Stars and Stripes

About 50 Berlin Airlift veterans remember those who died during the operation at a ceremony Wednesday at the Berlin Airlift Memorial on Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany. The veterans marked the 55th anniversary of the end of the airlift.

city of West Berlin, which was controlled by the Allies.

Starting out the population and cutting off their business was their method of gaining control. However, the daily airlift — which ran from June 1948 to September 1949 — brought food and supplies into the city, helping it survive.

Wednesday's ceremony called the successful airlift the first victory of the Cold War. Among the events was the reading

of the names of all those who died during the operation by Dr. Earl Moore, president of the Berlin Airlift Veterans Association.

Also, Col. Bradley Denison, commander of the 468th Air Base Group, addressed the veterans. The ceremony ended with the color guard firing a 21-gun salute and "Echo Taps" played on two trumpets.

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Army fines, reprimands soldiers in Kosovo

Guardsmen accused of mistreating local residents during operations

BY MARNI MCENTEE
Stars and Stripes

The Army has fined two Minnesota National Guard soldiers and reprimanded four others for mistreating Kosovo residents during a cordon-and-search operation in the NATO-controlled province this spring.

The soldiers, whose names and ranks were not released, were then assigned to Task Force Falcon's 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment. The guard unit is based at Albert Lea, Minn.

They received nonjudicial, or administrative, punishment, according to a news release issued Wednesday by U.S. Army Europe.

Maj. Gen. Bennie E. Williams, com-

Two Kosovars charged that the soldiers mistreated locals during an April 22 cordon and search in the eastern Serbian enclave of Vrbovac. The operation was conducted following riots on March 17 that killed 19 people, mostly in Mitrovica near the Kosovo-Serbia border.

mander of the 21st Theater Support Command, imposed the punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Williams is the court-martial convening authority for U.S. Army forces serving in Kosovo.

One soldier was found guilty of one count of maltreatment of detainees, the release said. He was ordered to forfeit

\$3,380 in pay, USAREUR spokesman Michael Tolzmann said.

Another soldier was found guilty of a single charge of obstruction of justice. He was ordered to pay \$1,804.

The two soldiers appealed the punishment to the USAREUR deputy commander, Lt. Gen. William E. Ward, who denied the appeals.

Williams reprimanded the other four soldiers. He found a seventh soldier not guilty of all charges. All seven soldiers have redeployed to the United States.

Two Kosovars charged that the soldiers mistreated locals during an April 22 cordon and search in the eastern Serbian enclave of Vrbovac. The operation, in which troops close off an area for house-to-house searches, was conducted following riots on March 17 that killed 19 people, mostly in Mitrovica near the Kosovo-Serbia border.

The United Nations and NATO took control of Kosovo in 1999 after a 78-day bombing campaign to halt a civil war between Yugoslav and Albanian separatists.

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Some Sigonella residents move into new housing

BY JASON CHUDY
Stars and Stripes

More than half of the residents of the Gli Ulivi housing area at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily, are moving to other housing as the base prepares to replace its aging units over the next few years.

Eighty-four families out of the 155 living in the 205-unit housing area outside the NAS I complex are being moved at government expense to the new Marinal housing area near the NAS II complex.

The remaining 71 families are being allowed to stay until they transfer, as the majority of them leave within the next year.

NAS I houses many of the base's administrative buildings and includes the school, commissary and exchange complex. The majority of base personnel, however, work at NAS II, about a 15-minute drive away.

Sigonella housing director Sandra Peterson said that the move order was welcomed by most residents. The first moves started in September and will be complete by the end of November.

"The day we got keys was the day we started to move stuff, even though they didn't have the trucks here yet," said Petty Officer 1st Class Yusuf Abdullah, a corpsman with the Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 7 and a former Gli Ulivi resident.

Abdullah said that he had requested Marinal when he, wife Elia, and one-year-old son Ligumarr arrived about six months ago. At the time, they were told to choose between Gli Ulivi and another housing area.

They chose Gli Ulivi, but after a few months were given the welcome news that they could move to Marinal.

"It's better than anything we could get in the States," he said about Marinal. "I came from the [Washington] D.C. area, and they've got pretty good housing."

"For the Navy to move us in a place like this, we're pretty happy with that."

Gli Ulivi is the base's oldest housing and received the lowest possible rating during a Navywide 2003 resident satisfaction survey.

Marinal, on the other hand, received the highest resident satisfaction rating of all of Sigonella's hous-



JENNIFER FRANCO/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Diana Nau gets help unpacking from cats Coco and Oreo as she settles into the Marinal housing area at Sigonella, Sicily. Nau and her husband, William Nau, are one of the first families to move from the Gli Ulivi housing area to the Marinal housing area.

ing areas and was one of mainland Europe's top-rated Navy housing areas.

Marinal units have central heating and air conditioning — compared with the two window-mounted air conditioners in Gli Ulivi units — larger yards and piped-in cooking gas. Gli Ulivi residents use bottled gas for cooking.

Despite the better living conditions, Peterson said, some residents chose to remain in Gli Ulivi.

Residents who are scheduled to transfer before October 2005 aren't moving, and some with transfer dates after that are being allowed to stay.

"Some people who had the option chose not to," said Peterson, "depending on what their needs and desires are."

Plans are being made to replace the 205 Gli Ulivi units with 220 new units in the next few years, although details have not been finalized, Peterson said.

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Military STAR card rate to increase in November

Stars and Stripes

The interest rate for the Military STAR card will go up to 9.75 percent — from 9.5 percent — starting with the November billing period, Army and Air Force Exchange officials announced Tuesday.

AAFES spokeswoman Army Sgt. 1st Class Amanda Glenn said the hike is based on the Federal Reserve's rate increase. The Federal Reserve announced Sept. 21 that it would raise the prime rate to 4.75 percent. The Military STAR card's interest is the prime rate plus 5 percent.

"This affects interest rates across the board," Glenn said.

Customers will receive notification of the rate change in their October statements.

New purchases after the November billing period constitute acceptance of the revised interest rate, according to an AAFES news release.

The rate increase does not apply to Military Clothing Plans, special promotions already in existence or to customers on deployment whose balances are treated under special conditions or have balances at reduced rates.

The STAR card can be used at all AAFES, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Exchanges.

New commander named for Naples sub group

Stars and Stripes

Rear Adm. Carl V. Mauney was recently named the new commander of the Naples, Italy-based Submarine Group Eight.

He will take over for Rear Adm. Paul S. Stanley, who will become director of Warfare Programs and Readiness for U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Va.

The change of command, which will be held in Naples, is expected to take place some time in November.

Mauney is currently director of the Strategy and Policy Divi-

sion at the office of the chief of naval operations at the Pentagon.

In addition to serving as head of the submarine group, Mauney will control operations and plans for the U.S. Naval Forces Europe and NATO's Allied Submarine, Mediterranean.

Stanley has twice served as the submarine group's commander, once for four months as interim commander in early 2002 and again in July 2003. He will also receive his second star during a promotion ceremony around Nov. 1.



Mauney



Stanley

Insurgent attacks in Iraq kill 6 U.S. soldiers

BY ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide attack and roadside bombings killed six American soldiers, the U.S. command said Wednesday, as U.S. and Iraqi troops staged raids in Ramadi and Baquba, stepping up pressure on Sunni insurgents before this week's start of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

A suicide driver plowed into a U.S. convoy and blew up his car Wednesday in the northern city of Mosul, killing two American soldiers and wounding five, according to the military. Two of the wounded returned to duty later in the day, the military said.

It was the second deadly suicide attack against American convoys in Mosul in the past three days. One U.S. soldier was killed Monday in a similar suicide operation.

During Wednesday's raids, U.S. troops swept into the Sunni stronghold of Ramadi and joined Iraqi police and National Guardsmen in raids in Baquba after a day of fierce clashes in militant enclaves stretching from the gates of Baghdad to the Syrian border.

Last year, insurgents sharply increased their attacks against U.S. and coalition forces during Ramadan, expected to start at the end of this week. Extremists believe they win a special place in paradise if they die in jihad, or holy war, during Ramadan.

Three of the U.S. deaths occurred late Tuesday when a roadside bomb exploded near a U.S. convoy in eastern Baghdad, the U.S. command said. Another

American soldier died in a bombing before dawn Wednesday in western Baghdad.

More than 1,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops launched two simultaneous raids Wednesday around Baquba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, to clear the area of insurgents.

One of the early morning operations took place just south of the city, in the village of Daliyah, said Capt. Marshall Jackson, spokesman for the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. Several people were detained. The other operation also took place in Baquba though no location was given.

In an unrelated attack, a police captain was killed Wednesday in a drive-by shooting near Baquba, officials said. Insurgents regularly target Iraq's security forces, which are seen as collaborators with the United States and its allies.

Meanwhile, Iraq's interim government assured the International Atomic Energy Agency that all nuclear facilities under its control were fully protected.

In a letter to the U.N. Security Council on Monday, IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei said satellite photos and follow-up investigations show "widespread and apparently systematic dismantlement" at sites related to Iraq's nuclear program that had once been subject to stringent monitoring.

Investigators seeking evidence to use in a future trial of Saddam Hussein uncovered more than 100 bodies in a mass grave near the northern Iraqi village of Hatra. The bodies were believed to be Kurds killed during Saddam's crackdown in 1987-88.



Iraqi police stand near a burning U.S. military vehicle Wednesday after it came under attack in Mosul, Iraq.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, 1,072 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 817 died as a result of hostile attack and 255 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 934 U.S. military members have died —

708 as a result of hostile action and 226 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Tuesday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Army Spc. Morgan N. Jacobs, 20, Santa Cruz, Calif.; died Thursday of injuries received the day before when an explosive detonated near his vehicle in Aaliyah, Iraq, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

■ Army Pfc. Aaron J. Rusin, 19, Johnstown, Pa.; died Monday of injuries received Sunday when his vehicle came under fire in Baghdad; assigned to the 4th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Howze, South Korea.

Iraq calls for pledged reconstruction funds

TOKYO — Iraq's deputy leader pressed donors to deliver on aid pledges for reconstruction in his war-torn nation, as U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage acknowledged that Washington was among the nations that hadn't sent money to Iraq as quickly as initially promised.

Since pledging \$13.6 billion in grants and loans last year, 37 countries and international lending institutions have paid only about \$1 billion to World Bank and United Nations funds for Iraq. Much of the money has been diverted from building projects to pay for security amid continuing attacks by insurgents.

At the opening of a 57-nation, two-day conference in Tokyo on Wednesday, Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh said aid was the best way to bring stability to more parts of the country.

"Development and stability in Iraq cannot be driven through the barrels of guns," Saleh said in an impassioned speech. "Please do not delay — the time to make firm commitments is now. Honor your pledges now."

Insurgency slowing rebuilding efforts

BAGHDAD — Iraq's persistent insurgency has slowed reconstruction work and driven up security costs for hundreds of projects in the country, a U.S. official involved with the efforts said Wednesday.

Despite a "significant drop" in the number of attacks against convoys, facilities and personnel in the last week, "we're looking again at minimization of the coalition footprint ... at the projects," said the official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. official estimated that some 85,000 Iraqis are employed in reconstruction efforts as laborers, subcontractors and contractors.

The initial estimate for reconstruction projects was that for every dollar spent, about 30 percent would go toward overhead, which includes security costs. However, officials are finding that security-related costs are even higher than they anticipated.

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Helping rebuild a society

Officials say U.S. efforts in Afghanistan are turning from warfighting to improving lives, infrastructure

BY TERRY BOYD

Stars and Stripes

ASADABAD FIREBASE, Afghanistan — With the first Afghan presidential election complete, the effort to extend the power of the central government may have reached the tipping point.

Now the challenge is to help the Afghans build a society worth fighting for, said Capt. William Boyd, engineer with a Provincial Reconstruction Team.

Sending 20,000 U.S. soldiers to rid "every nook and cranny" of Taliban, militants and renegade warlords is impractical, Boyd said. But the U.S. military can defeat the bad guys by empowering the Afghans, he said.

Winning may hinge on the kind of power that comes not from the barrel of a gun, but from a wall socket.

At the dedication of a recently completed project, Afghanistan's education minister joked how great Americans are at building schools, but added they had been taking forever to build the hydroelectric plant, Boyd said of the minister's comments.

PRT officials had civilian contractors assess what it would take to boost a facility near Asadabad from its current 12 percent capacity to full power. But the \$67 million price tag is far beyond the PRT's \$25 million limit from the Commander's Emergency Relief Program or the regional commander's \$200,000 limit.

"Right now, we don't have that kind of money," Boyd said, adding that it could take months for the bidding process, something the Afghans interpret as lack of American commitment.

In this new phase, limited U.S. resources are running up against Afghanistan's unlimited needs and high expectations.

"They've got the schools," Boyd said. "Now they're asking for assistance on big projects."

Even in eastern Afghanistan's Kunar province, one of the more remote and unstable areas, the guarded consensus among U.S. soldiers and civilians is that the insurgency is waning. That said, they say this unconventional war may demand an unconventional definition of victory.

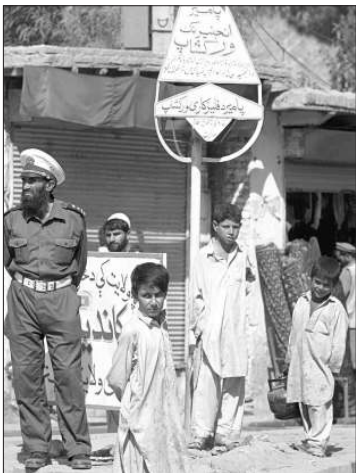
It's unrealistic to expect Afghanistan to transform itself overnight into a liberal, Western-style society, they say.

Afghans still must be introduced to the most fundamental procedures of modern society, such as paying utility bills, Boyd said. The most realistic outcome the U.S. military can hope for is that Afghanistan isn't going to harbor terrorists such as Osama bin Laden, he and others said.

Even with the trend toward stability, it's still possible that Afghanistan could sink back into chaos.

Rebuilding Afghanistan has two enemies at this point, said a U.S. official: "the warlords and our own bureaucracy."

Bureaucrats are "worried



TERRY BOYD/Stars and Stripes

With elections, growing stability and more visible governmental authority on the streets, something like normalcy is the rule in Afghanistan, even in towns such as Asadabad, just a few miles from the Pakistan border.

about a few cents falling off the cart" in inefficiently spent funds, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. But failure to finance infrastructure projects now could lead to big problems down the road, he said.

Three years after Sept. 11, 2001, bin Laden is still out there, but the Taliban are long out of power and there are signs of hope.

The turnout for the presidential election was heavy and voting took place in a mostly peaceful environment.

In a meeting Monday with U.S. officials at Firebase Asadabad, one local leader compared Afghanistan's first election to Eid, the end of Ramadan fasting and a time of celebration and feasting.

U.S. officials in Kabul say intelligence indicates large groups of former Taliban and members of the Afghan terrorist organization Herd-e-Islami Gulbuddin, also known as HIG, have approached local leaders to reconcile.

Local leaders regularly come to the Asadabad base, seeking help with projects and leaving detailed intelligence about local corruption and Taliban sympathizers — some of whom are still in power — with U.S. officials.

Perhaps 80 percent of the people support the new Afghanistan, Boyd said, adding that Kunar province could become a model for all of Afghanistan.

He sees plenty of tangible improvements, such as water distri-

bution, new schools and hospitals. But the U.S. military has reached a critical juncture: the hydroelectric dam.

"We need to bring a TVA to the Kunar Valley," said Maj. John Wilt, PRT team leader, referring to the Tennessee Valley Authority, a Franklin D. Roosevelt-era project that brought electricity to rural sections of Tennessee and Kentucky.

With electricity "comes jobs, education and development," Wilt said.

The Afghans themselves are conscious of falling behind their regional rivals, Pakistan and India, during years of Soviet domination, followed by civil war, soldiers and civilians said.

"They lost two generations ... and it shows in the fact that property has not been improved — no electricity, no sewage, no water," Boyd said.

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Small teams rout insurgents

ASADABAD, Afghanistan — Fighting the war to keep the Taliban and other extremists out is an incredibly complex proposition. Conventional large-unit warfare long ago gave way to small teams working to undermine insurgent support in remote villages while fighting in the mountains.

Leading this covert war are teams of U.S. Special Operations Command soldiers and airmen, intelligence agents, civilian police and paramilitary operatives working with Afghan National Army and Afghan special forces.

U.S. Special Forces told Stars and Stripes they've had several major battles in Kunar province since August.

Also participating in incursions into enemy areas are security forces attached to Provisional Reconstruction Team bases. They are mostly drawn from National Guard and Reserve units, as well as the Hawaii-based 25th Infantry Division.

Light infantry soldiers with the Fort Bragg, N.C., based 82nd Airborne Division, sent to Afghanistan to bolster security for the elections, have switched to running missions into enemy hot spots.

While Afghanistan is an unconventional war, the tactics and strategy are not new. U.S. forces are using conventional anti-in-

surgency tactics dating back to the Vietnam War.

One reason these tactics seem to be working is a reservoir of good will for Americans left over from the 1980s, when the U.S. government assisted rebels in defeating the Soviet, said Capt. John Wilt, 450th Civil Affairs, a reservist from Maryland who wears Ranger, Special Forces and Airborne tabs.

American troops are not in Afghanistan in overwhelming numbers, but rather integrated with Afghan forces, according to Wilt, the PRT team leader. It's important to put an Afghan face on it, while staying committed — to staying."

In other parts of Afghanistan, covert teams — referred to as Operational Detachments Alpha, or ODA teams — typically pay local powerbrokers to use their militias, which are not controlled by the central government in Kabul, to battle insurgents. In eastern Afghanistan, the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) teams are relying solely on Afghan troops they trained. The new Afghan military is showing signs of maturity in capability and reliability.

However, one Special Forces officer said, Afghan soldiers remain strongly influenced by traditional family and tribal ties than any allegiances to the new military.

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Commander touts Afghan elections

'Rule of the gun' over, Barno says

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The successful Afghan election "spells the end" of the rule of the gun in the war-battered country, the top U.S. commander here said Wednesday, although he added that American troops would remain for the foreseeable future.

The upbeat assessment came as a panel of foreign experts began to work through a total of 43 complaints of irregularities received by the 16 candidates in Saturday's first direct presidential vote.

Vote counting, which still hasn't begun four days after the vote, cannot start until all 43 complaints are reviewed.

Craig Jenness, a Canadian who is one of the three panelists, said election officials have given candidates until Thursday to file additional complaints, but that vote counting would not be held up for those new complaints. Final results are not expected until late October.

Meanwhile, eight people stranded for 24 hours since a helicopter sent to retrieve ballots crash-landed in northeastern Afghanistan were rescued Wednesday, said U.N. spokesman Manóel de Almeida e Silva. The crash slowed collection of ballots from the region.

Lt. Gen. David Barno, the top U.S. commander, said the election was an important milestone.



Afghan election officials sort presidential election ballots Wednesday at a counting center in Kabul.

"This turning point spells the end of more than two decades of the rule of the gun in this nation and confirms the bright hope of all the Afghan people in a democratic future centered on the rule of law," he said.

Barno's comment came as NATO defense ministers met in Romania to consider issues including merging U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan with the alliance's separate contingent.

France and Germany on Wednesday rejected American suggestions that NATO's peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan

and the larger U.S.-led combat operation hunting Taliban and al-Qaida fighters be integrated under a single command.

However, NATO defense ministers agreed to order military commanders to draw up plans to boost cooperation between the two forces.

The United States, backed by Britain, wants greater integration between the 18,000-strong mission it leads to hunt down Taliban and al-Qaida fighters and the 9,000 NATO peacekeepers currently operating in the Afghan capital of Kabul and five northern provinces.

NATO officials were hopeful a solution could be found that would increase cooperation and cut duplication by allowing greater sharing of supplies, transport and other logistics between the two forces.

Barno said combat operations would need to continue against remnants of the Taliban and other anti-government forces, warning of a possible "spike" in violence during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

"Coalition forces for the foreseeable future will certainly maintain their role here," he said.

Rebuild: Making most of resources

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Afghanistan has abundant natural resources, including natural gas, strategic mineral reserves and jewels. But there is no way to transport cargo, Boyd said, noting roads are so bad it takes about six hours to drive 60 miles to Jalalabad from Asadabad.

Increasing security is allowing aid organizations such as the U.S. Agency for International Development and the United Nations to start building roads and power plants. At the same time, PRTs across Afghanistan are creating police stations and governmental offices at the district level, said Boyd. Those offices could help measure victory.

"A tangible sign we've succeeded is when we get to a place where these village elders go to the governor's house first," Boyd said.

The question now becomes how long the U.S. presence will be necessary, and most soldiers and civilian government officials believe a realistic estimate is two decades.

But with elections behind them, PRT officials believe the Taliban have lost the initiative to U.S. policymakers, who they believe can shorten that stay with a full commitment.

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Retired Army Gen. Tommy Franks, who oversaw the U.S. invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, acknowledges applause Tuesday at Okaloosa-Walton College in Nicville, Fla., where he spoke on behalf of President Bush's re-election.

Franks says U.S. should have hired Iraqi soldiers

BY BILL KACZOR
The Associated Press

NICEVILLE, Fla. — The United States should have quickly recruited the Iraqi army after most of its soldiers walked off the battlefield and got them "working for us," retired Gen. Tommy Franks said Tuesday.

Franks, who oversaw combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, told reporters it may have taken "a couple billion dollars," but that he would have liked to have put Iraqi troops "back on the payroll right quick."

"What we could have done better, should have done better, what I would have liked to have seen done better, once they were gone, is hire them back," the former Army general said before making his first Florida campaign appearance for President Bush.

Neither Bush nor Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld should be blamed because Congress never appropriated money for that purpose and no other country offered to pay for it, Franks said.

"I fault bureaucratic behavior in my own country and in the international community," he said.

Indelible ink slated for Iraq vote

BAGHDAD — Voters in Iraq's January elections will have their thumbs marked with indelible ink to prevent them casting ballot more than once, the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq announced Wednesday.

The system sparked controversy in Afghanistan's presidential elections last weekend, where an independent panel of experts is looking into opposition complaints that the ink used in some polling stations could be rubbed off.

Saddam's hernia repaired

BAGHDAD — Saddam Hussein underwent surgery about two weeks ago to repair a hernia and has made a full recovery, a U.S. official said Wednesday.

The austered dictator was taken to the Ibn Sina hospital near the U.S.-controlled Green Zone for the procedure, which was performed by Iraqi doctors, according to Iraqi sources close to the Human Rights Ministry.

Lyndie England gives birth

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Pfc. Lyndie England, the Army reservist who faces a court-martial for her role in the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal, has given birth to a baby fathered by Ghazi Charles Granger Jr., another soldier charged in the case.

England, 21, had the baby Sunday at the hospital at Fort Bragg, base spokesman Col. Billy Buckner said Wednesday.

From The Associated Press

Allawi seeks al-Zarqawi

Iraqi premier threatens military action on Fallujah if locals don't hand over terrorist

BY RAWYA RAGEH
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's interim prime minister threatened military action Wednesday against the main insurgent stronghold of Fallujah if residents don't hand over Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Allawi, in Iraq's Sunni Muslim heartland, is believed to be a stronghold of al-Zarqawi's feared Tawhid and Jihad group, which has kidnapped and beheaded numerous foreigners and has carried out a number of bloody bombing attacks.

"If they do not turn in al-Zarqawi and his group, we will carry out operations in Fallujah," Prime Minister Ayad Allawi told a meeting of the interim National Council. "We will not be lenient."

Allawi urged anxious council members, who expressed concern about a wave of bombings, kidnappings and other attacks, to "have faith in yourself and in Iraq."

However, he conceded: "The more we crack down on terrorist havens, the more these strikes are going to increase."

U.S. and Iraqi authorities have used a mix of diplomacy and force to try to regain control of insurgent enclaves in time to hold nationwide elections in January.

U.S. forces have staged weeks of "precision strikes" in Fallujah

Fallujah moving against foreign insurgent groups

BY KARL VICK
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — Local insurgents in the city of Fallujah are turning against the foreign fighters who have been their allies in the rebellion that has held the U.S. military at bay in parts of Iraq's Sunni Muslim heartland, according to Fallujah residents, insurgent leaders and Iraqi U.S. officials.

Relations are deteriorating as local fighters negotiate to avoid a U.S.-led military offensive against Fallujah, while foreign fighters press to attack Americans and their Iraqi supporters. The disputes have spilled over into harsh words and sporadic violence, with Fallujians killing at least five foreign Arabs in recent weeks, according to witnesses.

"If the Arabs will not leave willingly, we will make them leave

by force," said Jamal Adnan, a taxi driver who left his house in Fallujah's Shurta neighborhood a month ago when the house next door was bombed by U.S. aircraft targeting foreign insurgents.

Located 35 miles west of Baghdad in Iraq's Sunni Triangle, Fallujah has been outside the control of Iraqi authorities and U.S. military forces since April, when a siege by U.S. Marines was lifted and Iraqi security forces were given responsibility for the city's security.

Residents say foreign fighters recently have taken to gathering in Fallujah's grimy commercial district after being denied shelter in residential neighborhoods because their presence so often attracts U.S. warplanes. The airstrikes and turmoil in the streets have spurred perhaps half of the city's 300,000 residents to flee, residents and officials said.

aimed at al-Zarqawi's network and its associates, even as government negotiators meet with tribal elders and religious leaders to hammer out a deal to bring the city under government control.

"Fallujah of course is an honest

city but it has been manipulated by a devil hand that wants to harm Iraq," Allawi said.

"You can see for yourself the evil of these people and their ongoing fight to strike Iraq," he said.

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FCC levies \$1.2M fine for 'indecent' show

BY LEON LAZAROFF
AND JOHN COOK
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — Fox Broadcasting Co. was hit Tuesday with the largest indecency fine for a television show, a nearly \$1.2 million penalty.

The Federal Communications Commission ruled that an April 2003 episode of the reality show "Married By America" violated federal indecency codes. The program included scenes from Las Vegas bachelor and bachelorette parties featuring strippers and various sexual situations.

The proposed fine for Fox, which totals \$1.183 million, is an-

Sexual content cited on Fox's 'Married By America'

other in a string of recent indecency fines against television and radio companies. The indecency issue was brought into sharp relief last winter when Janet Jackson's breast was exposed during the Super Bowl halftime show on CBS.

In a statement, Fox said, "We disagree with the FCC's decision and believe the content was not indecent."

The network has 30 days to appeal. The proposed fine of \$7,000 per station would be levied against all 169 Fox stations, 25 of which are owned by Fox's parent, News Corp.

The remaining stations are owned by various media companies, including Tribune Co., which owns six Fox affiliates.

In its ruling, the FCC said that Fox "had argued that that episode did not contain descriptions or depictions of sexual or excretory organs or activities and, even if it did, the material was not patently offensive."

The FCC, though, ruled that "even with Fox's editing, the episode includes scenes in which party-goers lick whipped cream from strippers' bodies in a sexual-

ly suggestive manner. Another scene features a man on all fours in his underwear as two female strippers playfully spank him."

"Married By America," a six-episode series which received low ratings, brought together several single adults who agreed to be engaged and even marry though they had never previously met.

The FCC decided to investigate the program after receiving 159 complaints, the first of which was filed by the Parents Television Council against WTVT-TV of Tampa.

The council is a conservative

media watchdog group based in Los Angeles.

Executive Director Tim Winter said the council aims to "protect children from graphic sex, violence and profanity in the media."

"For the first time ever, [the fine] holds all the affiliates responsible for airing a broadcast, and it's high time every licensee is held accountable," he said.

But critics contend the FCC regulatory system is based on vague and subjective criteria and is due for a court challenge.

"It's another big step down the road of the FCC's seizure of authority to determine what's close to the line and what's over the line," said Floyd Abrams, an attorney who represents broadcasters.

Bush, Kerry likely to crunch numbers in final debate

On the issues

Should the federal government require background checks for buyers at gun shows?

President Bush

I believe the instant check system is the best way to keep criminals from buying guns at gun shows and I support changing federal law to give gun show sponsors special access to the National Instant Check System to con-

duct checks on behalf of non-licensed vendors. My administration is continuing to improve the accuracy, efficiency and reliability of the instant check system, and has improved the rate for an immediate decision for a background check from 71 percent to 91 percent."

Sen. John Kerry

"As a gun-owner and lifelong hunter who believes in the Second Amendment, I agree with John McCain and responsible Republicans that we need to close the gun show loophole. The federal

government should require rapid id background checks for buyers at gun shows so that we can protect the rights of law-abiding Americans and keep guns out of the hands of criminals and terrorists."

The Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — President Bush and Sen. John Kerry are likely to reach into their arsenals of statistics to bolster arguments about economic and domestic issues during the final presidential debate Wednesday night.

How many jobs have been lost and created, who is covered and who is left uninsured by medical plans, and who will pay more in taxes and who will pay less are key areas of contention between the two campaigns. With viewers expected to number in the tens of millions, the confrontation will

draw the last huge audience they can expect before Election Day.

"These are the debates where actually the evidence matters. The president and his team can go around and say anything," Kerry adviser Joe Lockhart told "The Early Show" on CBS. "Evidence matters. That's why John Kerry wins these debates and George Bush loses them."

The president is widely viewed as having performed poorly in the first debate but then battling Kerry to a draw in the second. Bush campaign manager Ken Mehlman said the president views

the third and final debate at Arizona State University as an opportunity and looks forward to it.

"The president knows who he is, knows what he wants to do," Mehlman told CBS.

Although the 90-minute debate is limited to economic and domestic policy, there may be questions that allow Bush to discuss foreign policy, the war in Iraq and the war against terrorism — all issues the Bush campaign thinks bode well for him.

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High court debates constitutionalality of teen executions

BY GINA HOLLAND
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A deeply divided Supreme Court wrestled Wednesday over allowing states to execute teenage killers, with several justices raising concerns that the United States is out of step with the rest of the world.

Texas and 18 other states allow capital punishment for juveniles, and more than 70 people who committed crimes as 16- and 17-year-olds are on death row.

The question for the justices is whether those executions are unconstitutionally cruel, the latest step in the Supreme Court's reexamination of capital punishment in America.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said that the dividing line between adults and children is 18, "to vote, to sit on juries, to serve in the military."

The high court already has barred the death penalty for the mentally retarded and for people younger than 16.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, expected to be a key swing vote, said he was troubled by chilling details of murders convicted by juveniles and the thought of erasing a deterrence for future crimes. But he also noted that the rest of the world opposes the death penalty for teens.

People with sleeping bags arrived at the court before midnight in hopes of getting a seat for the argument, which was a lively debate on subjects like gang violence, scientific evidence about brain development of teens, and world condemnation of juvenile executions.

Juvenile offenders have been



Simmons

executed in just a few other countries, including Iran, Pakistan, China and Saudi Arabia.

Seth Waxman, the attorney for the 17-year-old killer in this case, said those countries have now gone on record opposing capital punishment for minors. "We are literally alone in the world," he said.

Justice John Paul Stevens asked if the court should ignore that America's global respect was on the line in the case.

Missouri's solicitor, James Layton, said the court should not be swayed by "what happens in the rest of the world." He said capital punishment decisions about age should be made by legislatures, not courts.

The Supreme Court has looked increasingly at international opinion, and its four most liberal members have gone on record against a practice they said was "a relic of the past and is inconsistent with evolving standards of decency in a civilized society."

Justices are considering a case involving the kidnapping and killing of a Missouri woman. Two teens forced the victim, wearing only underwear and cowboy boots, into a van and later threw her off a bridge to drown.

A 17-year-old, Christopher Simmons, was sentenced to die for the 1993 murder, but Missouri's highest court overturned the death sentence last year. A younger teen was sentenced to life in prison.

Co-workers win \$214M

DOVER, Del. — A group of employees at a Delaware printing firm is stepping forward to claim a \$214.7 million Powerball jackpot, a lawyer for the group said Tuesday.

The lawyer, George B. Smith, said the winners — 33 employees at Sussex Printing Corp. who took

part in an office pool — chose the cash option of almost \$117 million, rather than annuity payments stretching over 29 years. He said after taxes, each of the workers will receive about \$2.2 million.

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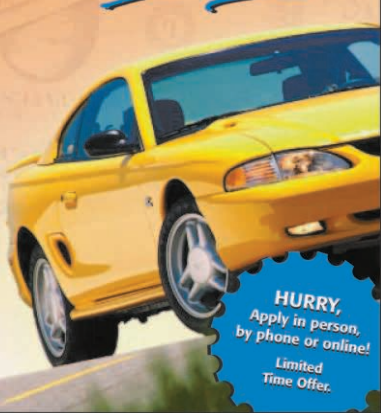
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National Book Awards nominate 9/11 report

Government report breaks tradition with leading nomination in nonfiction category

BY JEFF BAENEN
The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The final report of the 9/11 Commission led the list of finalists for the National Book Awards announced Wednesday.

The commission's report was among five finalists in the nonfiction category. The authorized edition published by W.W. Norton has been praised as a compelling narrative and has sold well, too, with more than 1 million books in print.

Government reports have traditionally been considered bland and unreadable, so the inclusion is unusual if not unprecedented.

In 1973, a report by a special commission in New York on a deadly riot at the state prison in Attica two years earlier was nominated but did not win.

Among the other nominations, read by author and radio show host Garrison Keillor at a ceremony here, was Donald Justice in the poetry category. Justice, who died earlier this year, was nominated for "Collected Poems."

Notably absent from the list were several big-name authors, including Philip Roth, whose "The Plot Against America" was well-received by critics. Bob Dylan, whose memoir "Chronicles" was also praised, wasn't on the list, either. Nor was Ron Chernow's biography of Alexander Hamilton.

The National Book Foundation, which bestows the awards, will present Judy Blume with an honorary award for distinguished contribution to American letters.

The winners in each of four categories

— young people's literature, nonfiction, poetry and fiction — are named at a dinner Nov. 17 in New York. Keillor will also host the dinner. Each winner receives \$10,000 plus a bronze statue; finalists get a bronze medal and \$1,000.

The nominees for young people's literature: Deb Caletti, "Honey, Baby, Sweetheart"; Pete Hautman, "Godless"; Laban Carrick Hill, "Harlem Stomp! A Cultural History of the Harlem Renaissance"; Shelia P. Moses, "The Legend of Buddy Bush"; and Julie Anne Peters, "Luna: A Novel."

Nonfiction nominees: Kevin Boyle, "Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age"; David Hackett Fischer, "Washington's Crossing"; Jennifer Gonnerman, "Life on

the Outside: The Prison Odyssey of Elaine Bartlett"; Stephen Greenblatt, "Will in the World: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare"; and the 9/11 Commission, "The 9/11 Commission Report: Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States-Authorized Edition."

Poetry nominees: William Heyen, "Shoah Train"; Donald Justice, "Collected Poems"; Carl Phillips, "The Rest of Love"; Cole Swensen, "Goest"; and Jean Valentine, "Door in the Mountain: New and Collected Poems, 1965-2003."

In fiction: Sarah Shun-lien Bynum, "Madeleine is Sleeping"; Christine Schutt, "Florida"; Joan Silber, "Ideas of Heaven: A Ring of Stories"; Lily Tuck, "The News from Paraguay"; and Kate Walbert, "Our Kind: A Novel in Stories."



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Study: Obesity surgery cuts weight and more

BY LINDSEY TANNER
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Patients who undergo obesity surgery get far more than cosmetic benefits — many also shed fat-related ailments including diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol, researchers say.

Their report — an analysis of 136 studies — suggests that in some cases, the drastic operations may alter the patient's body chemistry itself and relieve conditions that can lead to heart attacks, strokes and kidney failure.

The analysis was funded by a Johnson & Johnson Co. subsidiary that develops and markets surgical instruments, including staplers for obesity surgery. But the results echo what other doctors have reported seeing.

Many patients shed fat-related conditions along with pounds

Diabetes was eliminated in nearly 77 percent of the affected patients; high blood pressure was eliminated in nearly 62 percent; cholesterol improved in at least 70 percent; and obstructive sleep apnea — episodes when breathing stops during sleep — disappeared in almost 86 percent. All four conditions are strongly linked to obesity and can have lethal consequences.

While significant weight loss by diet, exercise or medication can have similar benefits, obesity surgery patients typically lose at least 30 percent of their body weight and keep it off long-term — results that are extremely diffi-

cult to achieve with other methods, said Dr. Samuel Klein, a Washington University obesity specialist who was not involved in the research.

The study appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

About two-thirds of U.S. adults are overweight, and of those, almost half are grossly overweight, or obese. Surgery in which the stomach is reduced or restricted is typically reserved for people who are at least 100 pounds heavier than their recommended weight and for whom other weight-loss methods have failed.

Doctors have long known that

losing weight helps improve blood pressure and cholesterol levels by reducing stress on the cardiovascular system. But with diabetes, obesity surgery may have unique benefits, said University of Minnesota surgeon Dr. Henry Buchwald, the study's lead author and a consultant to the Johnson & Johnson subsidiary.

There is evidence that when the intestinal tract is rearranged in obesity operations, patients who were diabetic are "cured" even before they start shedding significant amounts of weight. That may be because such operations alter the intestinal hormones, Buchwald said.

Buchwald and colleagues reviewed studies on obesity surgery published in English between 1990 and 2003. The studies involved 22,994 patients ages 16 to 64, less than two-thirds of them women.

The researchers found patients lost an average of 61 percent of their excess weight.

The most common U.S. obesity surgery, gastric bypass, involves creating an egg-sized pouch in the upper stomach and attaching it to a section of intestine. The procedure reduces the amount of food patients can eat and results in less food being absorbed. The researchers found it resulted in a 62 percent loss of excess weight.

Man sentenced to life for stomping death

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A man who was stopped another man to death in what prosecutors called an anti-Semitic attack outside a St. Louis diner was sentenced to life in prison, the maximum penalty.

"This was a deliberate killing," Circuit Judge David Mason told Kevin A. Johnson, 36, of St. Louis, before sentencing him Tuesday.

Mason said jurors had given Johnson a break by convicting him of second-degree murder instead of first-degree, which would carry a mandatory life term without parole. He was given 20 years

for armed criminal action, to be served concurrently with the life term, and must serve 23 more years behind bars before he is eligible for parole.

Johnson apologized Tuesday and said Michael Schnelle's death "would haunt me the rest of my life."

At his trial, witnesses said Johnson, who has a tattoo of a swastika and a Confederate flag, stood on his chair with another man inside the diner on Sept. 1, 2002, yelled "white power" and gave the Nazi salute.

Three witnesses said he shout-

ed racist remarks and called Schnelle, 46, a "Jew boy" before following him outside the diner, knocking him down and stomping on his head. Family members said Schnelle was not Jewish.

Johnson denied saying "white power" or giving the salute and said he hit Schnelle only after Schnelle took a swing at him. Two defense witnesses also denied hearing slurs or seeing the salute in the diner.

Mason told Johnson that he could have avoided the fight or stopped after one punch, but instead inflicted at least four more severe blows.



REDMOND (WASH.) FIRE DEPARTMENT VIA KING COUNTY JOURNAL/AP

Laura Hatch is recovering since being found Sunday in her car, shown at the bottom of an embankment in Redmond, Wash. She had spent eight days in the wrecked car and suffered severe dehydration, a possible blood clot near her brain, broken ribs, a broken leg and facial injuries.

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Teen survives 8 days in her wrecked car

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — A teenage girl who survived eight days stranded in her car after it crashed and tumbled into a ravine is alert, sarcastic and entertaining her doctors from her hospital bed, her sister said Wednesday.

Doctors said 17-year-old Laura Hatch may have been saved by her own dehydration, which prevented the expansion of a blood clot in her brain.

"She has a very strong personality," her sister Amy told ABC's "Good Morning America."

"I wouldn't say she necessarily knows what she's saying all the time, or what's going on, but she's strong-willed and sarcastic, and she's definitely giving them a run for their money as far as giving them attitude."

"I think that's probably part of what contributed to her survival is that she does have such a

strong will," she said.

Laura Hatch remained in serious condition Wednesday at Harborview Medical Center. She was being treated for dehydration, the blood clot in her brain, and broken bones in her face.

The Hatch family had almost given Laura up for dead, and sheriff's deputies had said she was probably a runaway. She was found Sunday, badly hurt and severely dehydrated, but alive and conscious, in the back seat of her crumpled Toyota Camry.

A volunteer searcher who said she had had several vivid dreams of a wooded area found the wrecked car in the trees.

Laura's twin sister Karen called her sister's survival a miracle.

"We've heard officials, doctors, people from the rescue crew saying this is a medical miracle," Karen Hatch told ABC. "I don't know what I believe in, but this is a miracle."

Laura Hatch had last been seen at a party on Oct. 2. The initial search was slowed because there had been underage drinking at the party, and the young people who attended would not say where it had been held, sheriff's officials said.



Hatch

Diplomats: Taiwan nuclear tests continued until '80s

BY GEORGE JAHN
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Taiwan appears to have conducted experiments with plutonium up to the mid-1980s, diplomats said Wednesday, revealing a key detail about its now-abandoned nuclear weapons program.

The diplomats said their information was based on preliminary samples taken in Taiwan by inspectors of the International Atomic Energy Agency indicating that plutonium separation experiments probably continued until about 20 years ago.

Their comments added detail to what was already known about a nuclear weapons research program dating back to the 1960s that apparently was stopped in the 1970s and briefly revived in the 1980s.

The agency inspections and testing are being conducted as part of voluntary extra controls on Taiwan's peaceful nuclear program agreed to by the government.

Officials at the Vienna-based IAEA said they would not comment.

All of the diplomats are familiar with the IAEA and all spoke on condition of anonymity.

One of them cautioned against drawing parallels between Taiwan and South Korea, whose government recently acknowledged that its scientists once dabbled in extracting plutonium and enriching uranium — both of which can be used to make nuclear arms.

While the South Korean revelations reflected continued secret weapons-related research, the fact that Taiwan had engaged in nuclear weapons research after

China exploded its first bomb in the 1960s was common knowledge, he said.

What the agency now was trying to do was to flesh out details of that program, with environmental sampling and other methods, he said.

The agency was not expecting to find new experiments with possible weapons applications beyond the mid 1980s, said the diplomat. "But there will be new things they did not discover in the past" about the previously known program because of the extra access Taiwan was now granting agency inspectors, he said.

In Taipei, Taiwan, Foreign Ministry spokesman Michel Lu said that the ministry was not aware of the reports and would not immediately comment on them.

Officials at Taiwan's Atomic Energy Council were not available after business hours on Wednesday.



Polish plastic surgeon Dr. Maciej Pastucha, in Szczecin, Poland, last week, performs breast enlargement surgery in his clinic. The clinic, like others near the border with Germany, has done a booming business as Germans increasingly come across for cheaper procedures.

Germans cross borders for cheap plastic surgery

BY VANESSA GERA
The Associated Press

SCZECIN, Poland — Aylin Ofas couldn't afford to get the fat liposuctioned off her thighs at home in Germany. So she went back across the border to the Polish surgeon who fitted her with D-sized breast implants last year — and asked what he could do.

It didn't take the 18-year-old Berliner long to choose Poland once again for her latest transformation.

Ofas joins a rising number of Germans and others from Western Europe who travel to Western Poland — and other new EU members such as Hungary and Slovakia — to pay less for plastic surgery, fertility treatment and dental work.

It's a trend that has only accelerated since Poland joined the European Union this May along with 9 other countries, most in the former Soviet bloc.

The attraction of medical tourism is partly driven by regulations requiring Western European insurance companies to pay for some kinds of dental and medical procedures done in other EU states. With the cost of dental work in the east often one-fourth to one-half the German price, it's clear why more and more insurers are agreeing to pay.

Uncovered plastic surgery is much cheaper, too.

Breast enlargement, for instance, starts at around \$3,200 in

Poland, but runs between about \$6,150 and \$9,800 in Germany. A nose job in Poland costs around \$2,000 to \$2,500 and around \$4,900 to \$7,400 in Germany.

But it's not only about money — it's also a question of growing confidence in the quality of care in a region that is still poorer than the West. With EU membership, Poland no longer seems so far away, or so different — despite the often dilapidated look of streets and buildings around the clinics.

With salaries in state-run hospitals pitifully low, many Polish doctors were lured into starting lucrative plastic surgery practices during the mid-1990s.

Statistics on patient mobility are hard to come by because most of the surgeries take place in private clinics. But doctors in Szczecin and EU officials in Brussels attest that the trend is on the rise in border towns like Szczecin.

German dentists and plastic surgeons aren't thrilled about the trend.

Dr. Heinz Bull, head of the German Society for Aesthetic Surgery, said patients who travel to another country for surgery may not assess physician quality as well and could wind up unable to consult their foreign doctor in case of complications after returning home.

But Ofas said she simply likes Polish doctors better.

"In Germany, they are cold," she said. "The doctor here does what's best for the patient."

Libya topic of Germany, Italy talks

ROME — German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder said Wednesday he hopes his visit to Italy will improve economic and political relations with the North African country after the European Union ended a decade of sanctions on Tripoli.

Schröder goes to Libya on Thursday to meet with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi. On Wednesday, he met in Rome with Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, who recently returned from Libya for talks with Gadhafi, his fourth visit there in two years.

At Italy's urging, the European Union approved the easing of an arms embargo on Libya on Monday,

enabling the north African country to buy high-tech equipment to combat the flow of illegal migrants from Libyan shores into Europe. The European Union also ended 11 years of sanctions against Libya.

Schröder's two-hour talks in Rome focused on reform of the U.N. Security Council.

Traditional allies in Europe, Rome and Berlin have been at odds recently over proposed reforms of the U.N. Security Council.

Schröder sought to downplay the controversy, saying that while positions remain distant, "it is not at the center of German-Italian relations."

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Possible exports investigated

BERN, Switzerland — Prosecutors on Wednesday opened an investigation into two Swiss suspected of illegally exporting nuclear bomb-making technology to Libya, a spokesman said.

A spokesman for the Federal Prosecutor's Office, Hansjürg Mark Wiedmer, declined to identify the suspects or say whether they included Swiss engineer Urs Tinner, arrested in Germany last week. Swiss authorities specialized in international crimes disclosed last February that they had opened an investigation to determine whether Tinner had broken Swiss law by making precision parts in Malaysia destined for Libya.

From The Associated Press

Titanic salvages

VA NORFOLK — The company that owns the rights to salvage the Titanic discovered a new field of artifacts from one of the ship's first-class restaurants, including a fully intact champagne bottle.

Salvagers from RMS Titanic Inc. returned with 75 artifacts from the wreck site 2 miles under the North Atlantic off Nova Scotia. The debris field was discovered south of the ship's stern and yielded items including the champagne bottle, a crystal decanter and a wall sconce from the Titanic's A La Carte Restaurant.

The items will be cleaned and incorporated into the salvage company's traveling exhibitions, which are now in Salt Lake City, Philadelphia and Manchester, England.

Milk fight abandoned

VT MONTPELIER — Eastern and Midwest lawmakers have temporarily abandoned their fight — until Congress' upcoming postelection session — to extend the milk subsidy program for two years.

Vermont's congressional delegation said it had support for an amendment to extend the program, but House Republican leaders prevented a final vote.

The Milk Income Compensation Loss Program is scheduled to expire a year from now. It has provided about \$45 million to Vermont dairy farmers in the last two years.

Love at the Alamo

TX SAN ANTONIO — Tourists at the Alamo saw something besides historical exhibits at the shrine of Texas independence.

A couple who witnesses say were having sex at the downtown mission landed in jail, according to police.

An Alamo security officer caught the two having sexual intercourse near a public viewing area about 5:30 p.m., a police report stated.

The report said Kristine Nissel, 18, and Matthew Hotard, 19, were partially clad when the officer apprehended them after several tourists watched the couple and became upset.

The pair, both active-duty members of the 232nd Medical Battalion stationed at Fort Sam Houston, were charged with public lewdness, according to the San Antonio Express-News. Bond was set for each at \$800.

Bias claims go to trial

PA ERIE — A judge has ordered a trial on a federal lawsuit claiming that a physical agility test the city of Erie used for police applicants unfairly discriminated against female candidates.

The Justice Department asked U.S. District Judge Sean McLaughlin to award damages to women who failed the test and order them placed on a preferential hiring list.

The judge refused to grant a summary judgment against the city, saying its defense should be heard at trial.

The Justice Department sued in January, claiming that only 13



percent of female candidates have passed since the test was put into place in 1996, while 71 percent of males tested during the same period succeeded.

Applicants had to scale 6-foot and 4-foot walls, climb through a standard window 36 inches off the ground, crawl eight feet under a 2-foot-high platform, and then do 17 push-ups and nine sit-ups.

The city said it now uses a physical test that has different standards depending on an applicant's age and gender, which the Justice Department accepts.

Museum will rebuild

MI VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP — Three historic airplanes that survived World War II were pulled to safety as a hangar housing an aircraft museum burned to the ground.

No one was injured in the fire at the Yankee Air Museum in Wayne County's Van Buren Township, 25 miles west of Detroit.

But the fire destroyed the museum's wooden hangar at Willow Run Airport, built by Henry Ford to produce World War II bombers on assembly lines like those used at his automotive plants. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

The 30,000-square-foot hangar and its contents — including two airplanes undergoing restoration, photos, books, uniforms, equipment and memorabilia — were destroyed, museum president Jon Stevens told The Ann Arbor



Rain, rain go away

A pedestrian crosses South Boston Avenue as the BOK Tower looms in the background on a rainy day in Tulsa, Okla.

News. He estimated the loss at \$5 million.

"In some ways we'll start over, but starting over with a lot more than the original founders," Stevens said. "I have too much sweat equity in that place, as do a lot of other good people. We'll figure a way to rebuild it."

Shark attack

CA POINT REYES STATION — A surfer was bitten by a shark off the Northern California coast, prompting park officials to close beaches near the site of the attack, authorities said.

The shark bit the leg of the unidentified surfer just off Limantour Beach, about 50 miles north of San Francisco, according to park officials at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The man told authorities the shark, which was between six and eight feet long, released his leg after he hit it on the head. The surfer then paddled to shore on his own, park officials said.

Park officials closed the waters off Limantour Beach on Sunday for five days. The beaches will be reopened if no more shark sightings are reported.

Shark attack, take two

HI WAILUKU — A 34-year-old Oahu man was in stable condition the day after being bitten by a shark in the face and shoulder while spearfishing off Molokai, authorities and witnesses said.

Davy Sanada had been diving with friends earlier, but was spearfishing alone in waters about 400 yards off east Molokai when he was attacked by a shark, authorities said.

A witness said she and other bystanders assisted Sanada after hearing him call for help.

"He was waving for help," said Carol Beadle, who lives near the Kupeke Fishpond where Sanada was diving. "I could tell his face was ripped and his shoulder was dislocated."

It's unknown what type of shark attacked Sanada.

Furnace cited in deaths

NY SYRACUSE — A malfunctioning furnace was blamed for the deaths of an older couple who died when the temperature inside their apartment reached 111 degrees, police said.

Onondaga County Medical Examiner Dr. Mary Jumbelic said autopsies on Jean, 67, and Robert Denmark, 66, determined the couple died of environmental hyperthermia.

Jumbelic said the couple also suffered from hardening of the arteries, and the husband had diabetes and high blood pressure.

Syracuse Police Lt. Joseph Cecile said foul play was not suspected, and no charges are being filed. "We felt from the beginning there was nothing suspicious with these deaths," he said.

Niagara Mohawk tested the apartment and found no carbon monoxide. The utility also previously inspected the furnace at the house "and red-tagged it for possibly having a sticky valve."

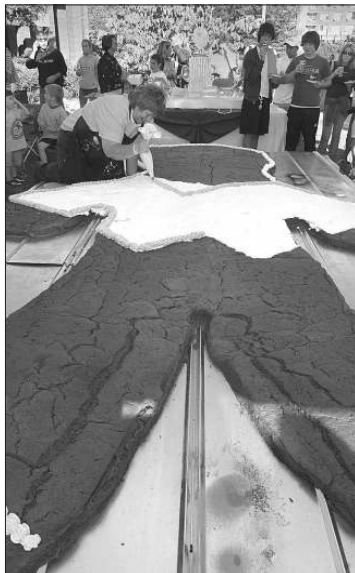
Edward Davis, who owns the house, said he temperately the apartment had risen that high because someone had turned the thermostat up.



Taking a stand against violence

Members of Alpha Chi

Omega sorority and the local community stand vigil in memory of victims of domestic violence on the courthouse lawn in Nacogdoches, Texas. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.



I'd hate to see the glass of milk

Karen Jones frosts what

likely will be a Guinness World Record-setting gingerbread man at East Carolina University. Pending Guinness certification, the nearly 900-pound cookie will eclipse the previous world record-holder by about 400 pounds.



Cultural exchange

Jasmine Pickner, 19, of Rapid City, performs a hoop dance during the Native American Day program at Crazy Horse Memorial, near Custer, S.D.



Settling in

Two scimitar-horned oryx explore their new habitat at the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Oryx are native to the northern African savanna and are nearly extinct in the wild.



Lone rider

A biker takes advantage of the nice weather to go for a ride along U.S. Highway 6 in Eagle, Colo.



Taking a breather

A bald eagle perches on a dead tree on an island in the Missouri River near Great Falls, Mont.

Expensive maintenance

KY FRANKFORT — The annual operating cost of the Governor's Mansion is raising eyebrows following an investigation that found taxpayers paid the bill for 13 employees and more than \$2,000 for a new mattress.

An analysis of state records by The Louisville Courier-Journal estimated the mansion cost at least \$840,000 to operate between June 1, 2003, and May 30, 2004. The tab prompted some lawmakers to say expenses should get a closer look.

The costs included salaries for three chefs and seven housekeepers, \$16,723 to paint part of the mansion's living quarters, \$2,198 for a new Tempur-Pedic mattress and five new toilets costing \$2,611.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher said he would never make an inappropriate spending request, and he defended the mansion's expenses. He said state finance officials have never challenged a request.

Fletcher and a mansion executive director said they said they have trimmed food costs and increased rental fees for its public spaces.

Campaign contribution

UT BOUNTIFUL — U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop got an unexpected campaign contribution.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee accidentally mailed the freshman Republican lawmaker a computer program to create campaign ads for his first Congressional District race.

"This is a cool little campaign toy that could be helpful to our campaign," he said.

While Bishop said he was grateful to the Democratic Party for their kind consideration of his campaign needs, the Republican decided to send it back.

Bishop figured — and the Democrats agreed — the program was intended for the other freshman congressman with the same last name, New York Democrat Tim Bishop.

The irony is not lost on Rob Bishop's Democratic opponent, Steve Thompson, who says he didn't get a copy of the program from his own party.

"I'd like to get one, though, so please tell them to send me one," Thompson said.

Long-delayed arrest

FL MIAMI BEACH — Lynn Smith, 51, was arrested in Maine after 26 years on the run from Miami Beach police for skipping her murder trial. Smith was arrested at her home in Standish by federal, state and county agents. She disappeared in 1976 after being charged with murder the previous year. Smith was a 23-year-old exotic dancer when she was accused of fatally stabbing a 41-year-old man at a South Beach bar.

Tiger dental care

CA SAN DIEGO — A tiger named Awang Relak could help keep his species from becoming extinct, zoo officials say, but first he needs to do something about his teeth.

The 240-pound Indochinese tiger was anesthetized and strapped to a medical table at the

San Diego Zoo so a dentist could clean out pockets of infection and pry smaller teeth away from larger ones.

While that was going on a veterinarian was examining the 3-year-old's private parts, making sure his sperm count is good enough that he'll be able to mate with female tigers when he's older.

In about another year he could be ready for a date with Mek Degong, a female tiger that, like Awang Relak, was brought to San Diego from Malaysia's Melaka Zoo.

Tiger species around the world are in danger from poachers and decreasing habitat.

Six die in arson fire

PA PHILADELPHIA — Bullets and casings and a fire accelerant were found in the rubble of a home where six people — all relatives of a person involved in a drug investigation — died in a blaze, authorities said.

Neighbors said they heard gunshots, an explosion and screams shortly before the fire erupted before dawn at the north Philadelphia home. Police would not comment on those reports or say whether any of the victims was shot. The Medical Examiner's Office has not ruled on the causes of death.

A relative of the victims is part of an investigation by the FBI's Gang Squad, FBI spokeswoman Jerri Williams said. The gutted home was being treated as a murder and arson scene.

"We are attempting to determine if there is a link between the fact that these people were murdered and the fact that their relative is involved in our investigation," she said.

Williams declined to comment further.

Swearing teen faces jail

NC WILMINGTON — A teenager could get up to 30 days in jail for swearing at a teacher who scolded him for repeated tardiness. Glenn Gattis, 17, and his parents said the misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct is an overreaction. Ashley High School officials decided to comment. Gattis, who was also suspended for three days, has a court hearing scheduled for Oct. 20.

Signs of popularity

OR EUGENE — The signs marking High Street have become a hot commodity and coveted dorm room decoration in these parts.

But what might seem like a sophomore prank is turning into a costly problem for the city, home to the University of Oregon. In the last decade, officials say they've had to replace the sign nearly 350 times.

Besides High Street, the University Street and Westward Ho Avenue signs are also frequently stolen.

The missing street markers are part of a backlog of about 100 signs that city crews will replace in coming months, said Damon Joyner, traffic technical team supervisor for the city.

Officials said last year alone, Eugene spent more than \$50,000 on replacement signs.

Photos and stories from wire services

YOUR MONEY

5 common mistakes home buyers make

BY LEWIS DENNIS

Bankrate.com

Whether rates are high or low, whether it's a buyer's or a seller's market, mortgage borrowers make the same mistakes over and over again.

The lucky ones don't suffer any consequences. Others endure hardships varying from having to brown-bag it every day at work because money is so tight, to losing the house to foreclosure.

Here are five mortgage no-nos — mistakes for mortgage shoppers to avoid.

1 Shopping for a house before shopping for a mortgage.

When Brian Peart, president of Nexus Financial in Atlanta, meets prospective mortgage clients for the first time, he doesn't discuss rates and closing costs. Not at the beginning, anyway. He asks how much they're comfortable paying for a house each month so they can afford to save some money and pay their other expenses.

After his clients arrive at a realistic monthly payment, Peart can help them figure out the price range when they go house-hunting. The danger with doing it backward — house-hunting, then shopping for a mortgage — is that "people find the house of their dreams and find out they can't afford it. And after that they can never be satisfied," Peart says.

2 Diving into the unknown for the loan.

If you don't know anything about the mortgage lender's or broker's reputation, how can you feel confident that you're being treated fairly? If you don't get a good feel, how can you know that they got a good feel?

"They should get referrals from three people they trust and shop those three and



Prospective home buyers should calculate a realistic monthly house payment before house-hunting because people 'can never be satisfied' if they find a dream home they can't afford, says Brian Peart, president of Nexus Financial in Atlanta.

they will get a good deal," Peart recommends. "If they know a Realtor who's got good, ask that person, but don't just go with that Realtor's suggestion."

3 Borrowing too much.

The most common mistake that first-time home buyers make is "not having a clear sense of what their true budget needs are going to be for the maintenance of their home, their household living and seeing how much it is going to add up to," says Judy Lawrence, author of "The Budget Kit, 4th Edition" and a budget coach who runs the Moneytracker Web site.

As a consequence of not planning their budgets carefully, these people end up buying houses they can't afford, Lawrence says.

After making the mortgage payment

they don't have enough money left over to enjoy themselves, save for retirement and the kids' college, buy appliances and furniture, and pay for the inevitable repairs, maintenance and upgrades that homeownership brings.

Lawrence's clients estimate the costs for everything from maintaining the pool to getting an annual furnace checkup. "By the time you add all that up and divide that by 12 to see how much you need to save every month, people say, 'My gosh, we need to make adjustments here,'" Lawrence says.

4 Borrowing too little.

You haven't borrowed enough if you spent your available cash on the down payment and closing costs, leaving little if any money to pay for things that new homeowners need, from trash cans to pruning shears.

"Every homeowner needs to have three to four months of emergency living expenses set aside," says Susan Hunt, housing counseling manager at Consumer Credit Counseling Service in Atlanta. "Many people, when they buy, will scrape together every dime to make a down payment and finish the house. They have no reserves to draw on."

Ways to prevent this problem include saving up more before buying a house, buying a cheaper house or getting a Federal Housing Administration-insured loan and down-payment assistance from a nonprofit agency.

Borrowing too much and borrowing too little are both sides of the same coin: Buying a house that's too expensive. That error stems from making the mistake of hunting for a house before shopping for a mortgage.

5 Not asking the right questions.

The first warning sign that I can see is if you don't understand the type of mortgage the salesperson is pushing on you," Peart says.

About one-third of borrowers are getting adjustable-rate mortgages. A big chunk of those consists of interest-only loans. "If you don't understand the way your mortgage payment can fluctuate and change, or the index and margin, it's not the type of mortgage for you," Peart says. "Don't just ask what my payment is right now. Ask does it change, and what can it change to? What is the worst-case scenario? Because, gosh, man, the rule is that the worst-case scenario always happens."

Not really. But in the same way that a responsible gun owner treats all firearms as if they are loaded, a responsible homeowner treats an adjustable-rate mortgage as if the rate will rise to its maximum someday.

TUESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES

52-week High	Low	Net Change	% YTD	52-week High	Low
10,513.51	9,497.17	+101.71	+1.1	10,513.51	9,497.17
3,389.29	2,743.46	+645.83	+23.5	3,389.29	2,743.46
20,155	24,216	-4,061	-16.8	20,155	24,216
6,798.12	5,812.25	+985.87	+17.0	6,798.12	5,812.25
1,291.81	1,014.66	+277.15	+27.3	1,291.81	1,014.66
2,153.81	1,750.82	+402.99	+23.0	2,153.81	1,750.82
1,163.23	1,018.32	+144.91	+14.2	1,163.23	1,018.32
514.6	428.11	+86.49	+20.4	514.6	428.11
696.42	583.88	+112.54	+19.3	696.42	583.88
11,371.14	9,996.89	+1,374.25	+13.7	11,371.14	9,996.89

NYSE

Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)
Apple 34,346	1.38	+0.06
Microsoft 26,887	2.11	+0.08
Pacer 23,092	29.46	+0.40
IBM 21,425	24.42	+0.10
Merck 17,442	38.81	+0.10
AMC 3,187.86	11.31	+0.10
United 1,268.68	21.38	+0.10
Starline 1,222.51	3.34	+0.10

AMEX

Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)
Nasdaq 19,847	25.72	+0.10
Smith Barney 15,125	1.15	+0.05
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KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	High	Low	Net Change	% YTD
Alliant Industries	40	38.19	+1.98	+5.2
Aerojet Rocketdyne	40	41.25	+0.47	+1.1
Boeing	40	41.25	+0.47	+1.1
Computer Sciences	40	41.25	+0.47	+1.1
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KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	High	Low	Net Change	% YTD
Fidelity Asset Growth	40	38.19	+1.98	+5.2
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EXCHANGE RATES

Country	Rate
British (Oct. 13)	\$1,261.64
Canada (Oct. 13)	\$1,384
Japanese yen (Oct. 14)	107.00
South Korean won (Oct. 13)	1,117.00
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3769
British pound	0.5776
Canada (Dollar)	0.7260
Denmark (Krone)	1.2672
French Franc	6.5535
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7139
Hungary (Forint)	200.19
Indonesia (Rupiah)	1,695.70
Israel (Shekel)	4.2443
Japan (Yen)	0.0073
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2945
Malaysia (Ringgit)	0.359
Philippines (Peso)	56.35
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	0.3769
Singapore (Dollar)	0.6852
South Korea (Won)	1,117.00
Switzerland (Franc)	0.7030
Thailand (Baht)	0.0250
U.S. Dollar	1.0000

Cents and Sensibility
Money tip of the day

Cut home-heating bill

yourself in a blanket before turning up the thermostat.

NEW YORK — Love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage, and so do cold weather and high heating bills. But with oil prices remaining high, warming your home this winter could be twice as costly.

As temperatures drop, make it a habit to be more energy-efficient.

Here are a few suggestions:

■ **Take advantage of heat** from activities you already do, such as taking a shower, and use that heat to warm the room.

■ **Keep your thermostat** at a few degrees lower than usual. You won't notice much change in your home's temperature, but you'll save on heating costs.

■ **Lower the thermostat** when you leave for work, or whenever you won't be home for a long period of time. (Be sure to keep it high enough to prevent pipes from freezing.)

■ **Minimize your use of ventilation fans**, including those in your bathroom and kitchen. They pull warm air out of a room very quickly.

■ **Cover windows at night**, advises USA Today. The heavier the window covering, the more you'll keep out cold air. Remember to uncover the windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home.

■ **Wash clothes in cold water.**

PRECIOUS METALS

London close	Price
Gold	\$411.85
Silver	\$6.01

INTEREST RATES

Rate	Price
Prime rate	4.75
Discount rate	2.75
3-month T-bill	1.69
6-month T-bill	1.69
1-year T-bill	1.69
30-year mortgage	4.75

Stripes Travel

On guard for London freebies

National properties make family fun affordable

BY KEN O'DONNELL

Stripes Travel reader

For those of us using U.S. dollars, London is not a very hospitable place these days. Food, lodging, transportation and entertainment in this expensive city have all been made even more costly by the poor rate of exchange.

A check at TGI Friday's or Hard Rock Café will leave you staring in disbelief while longing for the prices at the mall back home. Admission fees at properties run by the royal family such as Windsor Castle and Kensington Palace are fairly pricey, too.

In contrast, however, some of London's greatest nationally operated attractions still offer free admission. For this we have the British taxpayers, not the royals, to thank. The British people bear the high tax burden that, in this case, benefits tourists like us.

By the time we left London, thanks to a good friend, we even managed to get something free from the royals — an evening ceremony at one of the Royal Fortresses.

The British Museum is arguably the greatest museum in the world, but the Natural History Museum was more of a hit with the entire family. Both offer free admission.

Our girls, age 8 and 6, took the measure of the British museum and pronounced it "boring," the primary-school kiss of death for a day out with the family. On the other hand, the animal bones, bugs and giant whales at the Natural History Museum registered high on their fun meters.

Natural History is in the Kensington neighborhood next door to the Victoria and Albert Museum and near Hyde Park, Kensington Palace, Diana's Memorial Fountain and playground, and Harrod's Knightsbridge store.

Entry to the geology area was gained via a long escalator that took us through the center of a symbolic glowing earth while the Darwin Centre provided a chance to see a working scientific lab from a behind-the-scenes vantage point.

The ecology exhibit provided the most comprehensive, well-presented and stimulating overview of the natural world that I have ever seen. We hoped that these areas might inspire one of our own future scientists.

Moving "animatronic" robot dinosaurs were the clones of the old extinct beasts brought magically back to life complete with realistic and menacing sound. These were rated "awesome" by the keepers of the fun meters, the opposite end of the scale from "boring" and the highest rating allowed by law.

The huge *Diplodocus* dinosaur skeleton stood as the centerpiece in the magnificent central hall, which was covered in colored bricks.

There are now dinosaurs on display around the world, but the London museum can boast that its first superintendent, Richard Owen, actually invented the name "dinosaur" in 1842.

Behind the hall was a small coffee shop where we enjoyed a relaxing cup under the marble eye of the great biology man and "out of the box" thinker himself, Charles Darwin.

I considered that he might have wanted to bring up an important point, which was demonstrated in the recent film "Master and Commander." The point was that the specimens of leaves and bones that now fill the museum were brought here on the waves of great adventure in the dark holds of the ships of the mighty British navy. Darwin served as a naturalist on the British warship, HMS Beagle. He might have wanted to tell us that the objects were obtained, not from textbooks, but at great personal danger at a time when crews had to battle other navies just to bring them home. He seemed to be saying, "The student of today has an easy time of it."

Later that evening, we made an after-hours visit to the Tower of London, where the Ceremony of the Keys was to take place as it had, we were told, each night for the past 700 years — with only one seven-minute delay during bombing in World War II.

The ceremony begins at 9:53 nightly, in the tower, which was once the prison. The Chief Yeoman Warder marches, heels clicking on cobblestone, keys clanking.

"Who comes there?" challenges the military guard, bayonet drawn.

"The keys," replies the Warder.

"Whose keys?" asks the guard.

"Queen Elizabeth's keys," replies the Warder, who then requests escort by bayoneted guards. Their boot heels click against the cobblestones as they march down the dark alley, guided by lantern light, to lock the gate.

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TRAVEL TALES

It costs nothing to see the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace.

If you go to London with kids

■ The Natural History Museum is on Cromwell Road, Kensington and Chelsea, not far from Victoria coach and rail stations. The closest Tube stop is South Kensington. Go to www.nhm.ac.uk/visiting/index.html and click on "What's On" for exhibits, shows (such as puppetry and storytelling), interactive events and nature-based activities.

■ The British Museum is on Euston Road within walking distance of Holborn, Tottenham Court Road, Russell Square and Goodge Street Tube stops. At www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk, click on "What's On" for exhibits and activities, and "Children's Compass" for a child-friendly look at the museum. Hit "search" to choose a culture (such as Europe or Ancient Egypt) and a subject ("dinosaur," "birds and beasts," "warfare," etc.), then click "find" to see objects in the museum that match.

■ The Tower of London is on Tower Hill, which is also the name of the nearest Tube stop. For more information, go to www.nhm.ac.uk/visiting/activities.html or www.royal.gov.uk. Historic Royal Palaces (www.hrp.org.uk) tells about the Tower's history, the nightly Ceremony of the Keys, and exhibits.

■ For information about London, go to www.visitlondon.com.

— KEN O'DONNELL & STARS AND STRIPES





Sir Thomas More spent “one long dark night” before his execution in 1535 in this cell at the Tower of London. You can get no-cost invitations to the Ceremony of the Keys before your visit.

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The heels then come clicking back, echoing up the alley. The military ceremony ends with taps and goose bumps for all. Lately, they have locked the Tower with the Crown Jewels inside. Our good friend, Katie Erzen, had secured our no-cost invitations by mail well in advance of our visit.

Only a small number of visitors gathered outside the gates for an opportunity to experience the inside of the eerie tower after dark. The night sky was filled with fast-moving clouds that ran across the moon, creating a mystical atmosphere for the occasion. During the proceedings, the shadowy Yeoman Warders, marched and maneuvered along the ancient cobbles performing

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the guards paroled us through the great wooden doors and set us free once again into the dark London night.

Another day had closed on our sleepy girls. It had been a long one filled first with dragons and then with castles. As we left the old tower, their sky, with clouds still racing, was a place where Harry Potter and Mary Poppins roamed to do magic. Passing Parliament, I told them that I thought I saw Peter Pan and company fly silhouetted against the bright clock face.

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At the British Museum, the writer's wife, daughter and friends stand in front of the controversial Elgin Marbles that used to sit on the Acropolis in Athens. From top left are Katie Erzen and Debbie O'Donnell. From bottom left are Carissa Erzen, Kira Erzen and Katrina O'Donnell

Web your way to London's best

The Associated Press

There's a lot to see and do in London, and you can get valuable help in planning your visit by exploring a few key Web sites.

Even the royal family has a Web site these days. British Monarchy, www.royal.gov.uk, has volumes of information about Queen Elizabeth II and her family, as well as a history of the monarchy. Click on "Art & Residences" to learn about visiting royal palaces and the Queen's Gallery.

Visit the Historic Royal Palaces, www.hrp.org.uk, for guides to Hampton Court, Henry VIII's palace, and other palaces. Be sure to visit "Links" for Web connections to English Heritage, which is responsible for historic properties all over England, the Royal Armouries, Kew Gardens and other sights.

Don't forget Westminster

Abbey, www.westminster-abbey.org, the site of royal coronations and burials.

The official visitors' guide to London, www.visitlondon.com, features places and events all over the city, including theaters, clubs and concerts. Click on "Inspirations" for top attractions including the London Eye Ferris wheel and for information on the London Pass. "Book Your Trip" promises deals on holiday packages and hotels. Then check out the shopping guide, and type "walking tours" in the search box for a directory of guided tours to some unique parts of the city.

Get an advance look at the scenery from Explore London, www.explore-london.co.uk, where you explore a series of panoramic views by either clicking on the maps or using their menus. The "Info" menu has a

link to Webcams all over the city

Find out how to get around the city like a local at www.london-transport.co.uk, which includes information on buses, trains, taxis, trams and the "Tube," or Underground, the London subway. Look at the bottom of the Tube page for "Tourists," a helpful guide for newcomers to navigating the system.

And learn about London's colorful markets, including the Bermondsey antiques market, from London Tourism Guide, www.londontourist.org, which also suggests an "Ultimate Day-trip" outside the city.

Before you go, get some useful tips for traveling into the city from the airports at London Town , www.londontown.com, along with info on Thames River boat trips and theater, and a promise of discounts on hotels

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Venice film fest teaches lessons

BY JIM SAJO

Stripes Travel reader

Are you looking for the types of movies you won't find at the AAFFS theater? Would you like to see them while sitting in a theater with the people who created them? And would you like to view them before anyone else you know does?

Do not despair, cities all over Europe sponsor film festivals that will satisfy your appetite for something new different. Themes range from animated children's shorts, to three-hour marathons on dark and difficult subjects — and just about every thing in between.

One popular festival runs in Venice, Italy, every year during the first two weeks of September. Screening movies from all over the world, it has grown into one of the most important international gatherings of filmmakers, movie stars and cinema buffs in the world.

My wife and I were in desperate need of a weekend escape, so we hopped on the train and blasted into Venice. In two days, we watched five movies. We saw productions from Denmark, Germany, China, Slovenia and Italy. As with most festivals, Venice projects films in their original language with English and Italian subtitles.

We agreed the Danish work, "Strings" was the most interesting. It is the first full-length film done completely with marionettes, along with some pretty hot special effects.

We also learned some important lessons that week-end. Hopefully you can take advantage of them if there is a film festival in your future.

■ **Do not trust the screening schedule on the festival Web page** unless it is confirmed. Sometimes films do not arrive on time or a celebrity fails to show up, forcing a schedule change. If your luck is anything like ours, you'll be at the theater expecting to see the latest Robert DeNiro film, only to find that what is showing is some obscure piece from Tahiti.

■ **Once you have your ticket, get to the theater early.** Film

festivals are crawling with media people who are brutal about cutting in line and insist on taking all the good seats.

■ **See movies during the week,** rather than Saturday and Sunday, if you can. Prices are lower and the crowds are smaller.

■ **Avoid the evening film** that starts at about 7:30. In Venice, tickets for those screenings cost 30 euros each. The only way I'll pay that kind of money for a movie is if Nicole Kidman is sitting right next to me.

During our stay, we saw Al Pacino, which was cool. Unfortunately we missed Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington and Meryl

Streep, which was not. Maybe you will have better luck.

By the way, if you are thinking of a visit to Venice, you could find a good deal on places to stay at vaporettovenice.com. It rents small apartments equipped with a nice kitchen stocked with food and water. You will spend about the same as a hotel room (still not cheap — this is Venice, after all) but you'll save a bundle by making your own meals.

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Photo courtesy of Jim Sajo

No visit to the Italian city of Venice is complete without admiring the strange beauty of the Grand Canal, a setting as dramatic as anything on film.

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More festivals for film lovers

Here is a sampling of other European film festivals with Web sites for finding details.

■ **October:** Pordenone Silent Film Festival, Sacile, Italy (near Aviano); silent films; www.cinotecadelfrull.org/gcm

■ **November:** London Film Festival; documentaries, full-length, shorts; www.lff.org.uk

■ **Mannheim-Heidelberg International Film Festival,** Germany; documentaries, full-length, shorts; www.mannheim-filmfestival.com

■ **February:** Brussels Cartoon and Animated Film Festival, Belgium; full-length, shorts, animated; www.awn.com/folioscope

■ **April:** European Media Art Festival, Osnabrück, Germany; retro, shorts; www.emaf.de

■ **June:** Mediterranean Film Festival, Tübingen, Germany (near Stuttgart); documentaries, full-length; www.cityinfo.net/de/filmstage/index.html

■ **July:** Giffone Film Festival, Giffone, Italy (near Naples); children's films; www.giffonoff.it

■ **Cambridge Film Festival,** Cambridge, England; features, documentaries, shorts; www.picturehousecinemas.co.uk

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"this silent place"

A sobering trip to Holocaust sites in Eastern Europe

By CINDY LOOSE
The Washington Post

Felix Karpman, 78, leads us to the synagogue in the Polish village of Gora Kalwaria. He tells us that when he was a young man, the rabbi here was so esteemed that you had to arrive early to get standing room. Boys climbed back pews and hung from the pillars to watch. The courtyard outside was often a dark sea of black coats and hats as the rabbi addressed the faithful from the second-floor balcony of his home.

You can almost for a moment see the crowds, hear the murmuring of voices. Then you jolt back to reality: The synagogue is empty and crumbling.

There have been no services in this synagogue since 1940. Karpman has long been the last Jew of Gora Kalwaria.

There are 28 Americans on this tour led by Claire Simmons, a Holocaust scholar and the child of survivors, born in the ruins of Czechoslovakia in 1946. She's been leading Holocaust tours of Eastern Europe for 15 years.

Our group will spend eight days in late spring in Poland and the Czech Republic learning about what happened here. We come to witness not only what was lost, but to see what remains of a great Jewish civilization built in Europe over seven centuries.

Our group, including college students and retirees, also comes to honor the dead.

In gas chambers with concrete walls still stained a poisonous greenish-blue, the group recites Kaddish — the Hebrew prayer for the dead. We also pray next to grassy fields that undulate in strange patterns. The dips and depressions are evidence of the uneven decomposition of thousands of bodies dumped into shallow, unmarked graves.

"By being here and acknowledging what happened, we are their markers," Simmons tells us. "We are their tombstones."

In Gora Kalwaria, in eastern Poland, we pray before a tombstone that honors Karpman's family. Some of us cry along with Karpman as we say the prayer for the dead. But a few minutes later, in the courtyard outside the synagogue, we dance. There is no music. But we form a circle, holding hands and high-stepping a folk dance of ancient Jewish origin. We dance, Simmons says, for the rabbi of Gora Kalwaria.

The bleak city of Warsaw changed little during the post-World War II years of Soviet domination. Recently, though, residents have begun long-delayed renovations. As they tear up floor boards and knock down walls, they've been finding letters, diaries and hastily scrawled notes from people who knew they were about to die.

"They had a drive to record their existence, to be known by name, to tell the world what happened," Simmons says. So many names. Up to 475,000 people at a time were crammed into this ghetto surrounded by a 11 1/2-foot wall and topped with three feet of barbed wire. About 100,000 died of starvation. The rest went to Treblinka's gas chambers.

One-third of the population of Warsaw was Jewish when World War II began. By the end of the war, they were nearly all gone.

From walk the path they took at gunpoint: along city sidewalks, past a nursing college that was then a headquarters for the German SS and to a set of train tracks.



In the courtyard outside the synagogue in Gora Kalwaria, Poland, Americans touring Holocaust sites in Eastern Europe spontaneously form a circle and high-step a folk dance of ancient Jewish origin.



Here, at the Umschlagplatz, or meeting place, trains of 58 cattle cars each loaded 100 people to a car. The ride was 2½ hours. It took 1½ hours to kill the prisoners in the first 20 cars. Then the next 20 cars could be unloaded.

A memorial stands at 18 Mila St., headquarters for the leaders of the Warsaw ghetto uprising. On April 19, 1943, Jewish fighters armed with a few smuggled weapons fought the German army. By May 16, they were crushed. To celebrate Germany's victory over starving men, a commander blew up Warsaw's finest syna-

agogue. We light candles at the memorial, and Simmons describes the ghetto's lesser-known "spiritual resistance" — the Jews' quiet battle to maintain dignity and humanity even as they were being treated as beasts.

We sing the Israeli national anthem, followed by a long silence. Simmons finally breaks it by leading a song she says was sung many a night in the ghetto.

I believe in the coming of the Messiah; Even though he tarries, I believe.

From Warsaw, we travel an hour to the ancient town of Kazimierz, one of the most popular travel destinations for Poles. Art students from all over Poland come to sketch the graceful old buildings built centuries ago by prosperous Jews. Jewish artists and writers flourished here beginning in the early 1300s.

We visit a synagogue turned into a movie theater, but mainly stroll streets filled with art galleries and shops.

Soon we're on our way to the city of Lublin. For more than 500 years, Poland was to Jewish civilization what Greece was to Western civilization, and Lublin was the center of Jewish learning for all of Europe.

Numerous synagogues and buildings

that housed yeshivas and institutions of secular studies remain but are empty. Only 20 Jews are left in Lublin. Most are elderly, impoverished survivors who eat in soup kitchens.

Majdanek is only a few miles from the city. We enter the gates of the death camp and walk into a shower room with a floor of crisscrossed slates. The shower heads are real. Naked prisoners were ordered to wash, then were sent dripping wet through a door into the low-ceiling, concrete-walled room. Showers were given, Simmons tells us, because poison gas worked better when the victims' bodies were moist.

"Our people were here alone in this silent place," Simmons says. "There was no press. They had no lobbyists. They didn't have a seat at the U.N. They had no prime minister to represent them. No one heard us. Nobody cared."

Giant warehouses in Majdanek are filled with the sorted belongings of prisoners. Although there are tens of thousands of pairs of shoes, some stand out. The tiny pair of Mary Janes. The sexy white high heels. Did the owner suddenly get pulled away from a party, or did she pack the heels, hoping beyond all evidence that she might wear them again?

Along the way to Krakow, Poland's most treasured and beautiful city, we stop at two small towns, Kielce and Chelm. About 100 Jews who survived the death camps returned to Kielce in 1946. On July 4 that year, 42 of the 100 survivors were murdered.

The murdered citizens of Kielce were among an estimated 1,000 Jewish survivors of Hitler who were killed in Europe by their neighbors once they returned home.

In the small town of Chelm, once majority-Jewish, we visit a fine old synagogue that is now a recreation center. Above the entrance to the sanctuary is a stone inscription with the Hebrew words: "How wonderful is this place. This is the house of God, and this is the gate to heaven."

The door leads to a sanctuary with a prayer ark and pews. The main fixture on the wall that traditionally holds a box for donations to the poor is empty. There are no Jews left in Chelm to give or receive charity.

We travel on to the beautiful medieval city of Krakow. The 70,000 Jews in Krakow made up a fourth of the population in 1939. Today, there are about 100. Even so, the city each summer celebrates Jewish contributions to the culture here with an international festival that includes plays, concerts and exhibitions.

Our primary destination after a quick city tour is a short bus ride away, to a tri-part compound of death: Auschwitz, Birkenau and Monowice-Dwory.

Auschwitz today is a series of well-maintained brick buildings linked by wide, clean pathways. You must go inside the buildings for a hint of what happened here. Floor-to-ceiling glass cases in one building hold thousands of wooden limbs, crutches and wheelchairs taken from prisoners. Another is stacked high with old suitcases, each marked with the owner's name, like tombstones.

Prague was once described in a poem as "a fairy tale in stone." The city's medieval center includes a 1,100-year-old castle and majestic buildings in Roman, baroque, gothic and art-nouveau styles. The city has become one of the continent's



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The Red Baron Lives

Museum links fighter wing's past with its present

BY PETER JAEGER

Stars and Stripes

The Red Baron would be proud of the historical collection of Germany's Fighter Wing 71 at Wittmund in northern Germany.

Rittmeister Manfred Freiherr von Richthofen, the German ace's real name, was the most successful fighter pilot of World War I with 80 air victories. He was a collector himself, and always tried to get a piece of memorabilia of his victims to keep with him.

His room at Schweidnitz near Breslau (now Wrocław, Poland) looked like a museum. Parts, pieces and identification numbers of Allied planes he downed decorated every inch of the walls. His lamp was made from a motor block of a British Sopwith Camel plane, and two Vickers machine guns hung over the door. The collection disappeared when the Red Army overran Schweidnitz in 1945 at the end of World War II.

Today's collection, called the *Militärgeschichtliche Sammlung*, is in several rooms at the air base. It not only honors the military life of the Red Baron and the history of air war in World War I, but also serves as a historical showroom for today's Fighter Wing 71, the Jagdegeschwader 71 "Richthofen" in German.

The exhibition is so well organized that it is considered a model for other museums for the German armed forces,

according to retired Col. Heinz Novak, one of the wing's former commanders.

The collection, started in the 1960s, displays historic photos and paintings, models and military decorations and memorabilia from both world wars.

One of the highlights is a life-size replica of the Red Baron's Fokker Dr. I triplane. Constructed by a team of young airmen, the project took years of planning and studying historic construction blueprints until the Red Baron's bird was re-created in 1975. The small cockpit contains original instruments from old Fokker planes. The new Fokker Dr. I proudly carries the same ID number, FOK DRI 102/17, that was on the plane in which the Red Baron finally met his fate on April 21, 1918, over the Somme River in eastern France.

Another important part of the exhibition shows the re-creation of Fighter Wing 71 after WW II and its history from the 1960s until today.

The historical collection is a must for aviation enthusiasts. It is at Lumsenstrasse 20, outside the town of Wittmund, and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:30-11:15 a.m. on Fridays. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (+49) (0)4462-917-26409, or by e-mailing herbertniemeyer@bundeswehr.org. Guided tours are conducted on Fridays during the summer. There is no charge.

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Above: After 16 air victories in 1917, Richthofen received Germany's highest award for bravery in war, the Pour le Mérite, or "Blue Max."

Left: The death of the Red Baron in an air battle on April 21, 1918, rates a full page in the Chicago Sunday Herald, which calls him the "Red Devil of Germany."

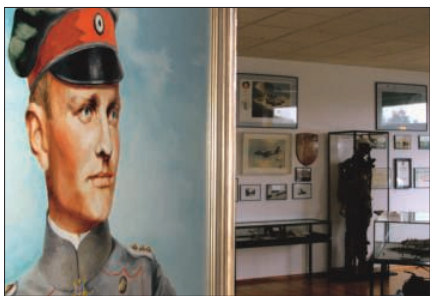


Stars and Stripes



Above: A view into the cockpit of the replica of Manfred Freiherr von Richthofen's Fokker Dr. I, with two Spandau machine guns and original instruments from World War I.

At right: A life-size portrait of the Red Baron greets visitors at the entrance of the historical exhibition of Fighter Wing 71 at Wittmund, Germany.



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A German soldier studies the cockpit of a life-size replica of von Richthofen's Fokker DR. I. This is the plane the Red Baron is always associated with, but he achieved most of his air victories in an Albatros like the small model at left.



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Above: A model of a McDonnell Douglas F-4F Phantom is one of the dominant items in the modern part of the historical exhibition of the Fighter Wing 71.
Left: Col. Heinz Novak, a former commodore of Fighter Wing 71, studies a model of Richthofen's triplane hanging in the staircase of the military historical collection.

Volksmarch

The daylight hours are getting shorter and shorter, which means one thing — wintertime and torch walk season are right around the corner! Check out next week's column for torch walk tidbits and 2004 scheduled events.

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Here are a few notes about this week's Volksmarch events:

■ **Stimpfach** may be a bit difficult to find on your German map. It is on B290 between Craisheim and Elbrangen.

Jennifer West



The Stimpfach prize is a 10½-inch-tall lantern with the face of a pumpkin.

■ **For the model car collectors**, your souvenir may be a BMW Z4 model car this year as the Wanderschul Heroldsberg e.V., Germany, holds 5½- and 10-kilometer trails (no 30K this year). Start Saturday and Sunday between 7 a.m. and noon, finish by 6 p.m.

■ **A stuffed German shepherd dog** with a bandana around his neck is the award at Berghaupten, Germany. The Saturday walk has a noon-to-3:30 p.m. start window for the 5K and 10K and a noon-to-1:30 p.m. window for the 20K. Hit all three trails on Sunday between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. The finish for both days is 5:30 p.m.

Walkers can also take home either an old-time wooden car or a porcelain clown B-medal. Quantities are limited, so arrive early if you want one.

The Original Schwarzwaldsmusikanten Berghaupten will provide music on Saturday as well as Sunday (no start time given).

■ **Sunday's musical entertainment** in Eisenbach, Germany, begins at 11 a.m.

■ **A small anniversary clock** is the prize at Medlingen, Germany. If you're not familiar with the name, this type of clock has a domed glass cover and the pendulum spins back and forth under the clock face. Some chime; I would bet this one doesn't. Regardless, this is a nice souvenir for walking the 5K, 10K or 20K. The marches begin both days from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.; finish by 5 p.m.

■ **A 9-inch-tall squirrel** holding an acorn can be yours for finishing the 5K, 10K or 20K at Untergrombach, Germany.

■ **Not only did the members of the Ski- und Wanderverein Walsdorf/Vulkaneifel e.V., Germany, add a Nordic walking event** to their offering on Sunday, but they changed their start times just a tad. The 5K and 10K (to include the Nordic walk, with poles) begin 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. while the 20K starts 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Finish by 5 p.m.

■ **Notes from Clark Soeldner**, our source for information on walks in Italy:

"I start the Montenero event 'presso il piazzale antistante la chiesa.' The flyer notes the 6K consists of fields whereas the 12K and 18K are mixed fields and hills.

"There is a blood drive in conjunction with the Ronchi dei Legionari walk. It begins in front of the San Lorenzo church.

"Sernaglia della Battaglia has a 'must' walk, in my opinion. The people are super-friendly and there is a fest at the end. The club members try to vary the route every year. The 33K will be a stout upland to a 'restoro.' If the weather is clear you can see all the way to the Adriatic!"

Jennifer West (Germany) and Clark Soeldner (Italy) like to hear about your favorite walks and why you like them. E-mail your notes to volkstmarch@mail.esrtripes.us.mil. By conventional mail, write her at Volksmarch Column, Stars and Stripes, Bldg. 2899, Pulaski Barracks, APO AE 09227-3717 (MPS).

Here are events sanctioned by the International Federation of Popular Sports (Internationaler Volkssportverband, or IVV) near U.S. military installations in Europe. Locations are noted in the host language when possible. Find more extensive lists on the Web at www.ivv.org.

Country/Town	Day(s) and Time(s)	Code	Km.	Starting Point	Award	Directional Reference
Belgium						
Berlaar	Sun 0700-1500	-	6 & 12	Ontmoetingscentrum	Sticker	SE of Antwerpen
Berlaar	Sun 0700-1500	-	22 & 30	Ontmoetingscentrum	Sticker	SE of Antwerpen
Bertem	Sun 0700-1500	-	12 & 20	Zaal De Cerkel	Sticker	SW of Louvain
Denmark						
Næstved	Sun 0900-1200	-	5, 10, 20	Follow signs	No award	-
Germany						
Aarbergen-Pannod	Sat & Sun 0730-1500	CF	5	Haus der Vereine	Patch	HE, S of Limburg
Aarbergen-Pannod	Sat & Sun 0730-1400	CF	10	Haus der Vereine	Patch	HE, S of Limburg
Aarbergen-Pannod	Sat & Sun 0730-1230	CF	21	Haus der Vereine	Patch	HE, S of Limburg
Aarbergen-Pannod	Sat & Sun 0700-0830	M	42	Haus der Vereine	Patch & certificate	HE, S of Limburg
Berghaupten	Sat 1200-1530, Sun 0800-1400	BFP	5 & 10	Gemeindehalle	Stuffed dog	BWS, S of Offenbach
Berghaupten	Sat 1200-1530, Sun 0800-1400	BFP	20	Gemeindehalle	Stuffed dog	BWS, S of Offenbach
Bichl	Sat 1000-1400, Sun 0700-1200	FNY	5, 11, 21	Verbandsschule	Model semi-truck	MOB, SW of Bad Tölz
Eisenbach	Sun 0700-1300	FP	5, 10, 20	Wolfskehlhalle	Model semi-truck	BWS, SW of Vill.-Schwering
Enzweihingen	Sat 0700-1400	F	5, 10, 20	Turn- und Festhalle	Model semi-truck	BWN, SE of Vaihingen a.d. Enz
Enzweihingen	Sat 0700-0900	M	42	Turn- und Festhalle	Patch & certificate	BWN, SE of Vaihingen a.d. Enz
Heroldsberg	Sat & Sun 0700-1200	F	5, 10, 20	Mehrzweckhalle	Model BMW Z4	FRM, SE of Erlangen
Hohenlinden	Sat 0800-1600, Sun 0800-1400	BCDFX	5 & 10	Radsporthalle	Calculator	RP, NW of Kaiserslautern
Hohenlinden	Sat & Sun 0800-1400	BCDFX	20	Radsporthalle	Calculator	RP, NW of Kaiserslautern
Kaufbeuren	Sat & Sun 0700-1230	F	5 & 10	J.B.-Gymnasium	Figurine	SCH, Neugablonz-Strasse
Kaufbeuren	Sat & Sun 0700-1200	F	20	J.B.-Gymnasium	Figurine	SCH, Neugablonz-Strasse
Märkbrunn am Main	Sat 0700-1400, Sun 0700-1200	BFX	5 & 10	L.W.-Realschule	B-medal	FRU, S of Kitzingen
Märkbrunn am Main	Sat & Sun 0700-1200	BFX	20	L.W.-Realschule	B-medal	FRU, S of Kitzingen
Milchenbach	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	BCFC3, 67, 11, 21	20	Dorfgemeinschaftshalle	B-medal	NRFW, SW of Schmallenberg
Mörbach	Sat & Sun 0730-1400	DF	6 & 10	Baldernauhe	No award	RP, NW of Idar-Oberstein
Mörbach	Sat & Sun 0730-1300	DF	20	Baldernauhe	No award	RP, NW of Idar-Oberstein
Münchenbach	Sat 0730-1330, Sun 0700-1300	F	5, 10, 20	Sporthalle	Candle holder	RP, SW of Siegen
Oberniedern	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	F	5, 10, 20	Gemeindehalle	Anniversary clock	SCH, NE of Ulm
Stimpfach	Sun 0700-1400	F	6, 12, 20	Waldhalle	Pumpkin lantern	BWN, S of Craisheim
Untergrombach	Sun 0700-1300	BFX	5, 10, 20	Mehrzweckhalle	Stuffed squirrel	BWN, NE of Karlsruhe
Walsdorf/Eifel	Sun 0700-1400	F	5	Bürgerhaus	No award	RP, NE of Eibburg
Walsdorf/Eifel	Sun 0700-1400	FN	10	Bürgerhaus	No award	RP, NE of Eibburg
Walsdorf/Eifel	Sun 0700-1300	F	20	Bürgerhaus	No award	RP, NE of Eibburg
Italy						
La Spezie	Sun 0900	F	7 & 14	Follow signs	Souvenir	N of Pisa
La Spezie	Sun 0800	F	25 & 32	Follow signs	Souvenir	N of Pisa
Montenero	Sun 0830-0930	F	6, 12, 18	See misc. notes	No award	N of Padova
Ronchi dei Legionari	Sun 0900-1000	FX	3 & 6	San Lorenzo church area	Sport bag (1st 250)	NE of Monfalcone
Ronchi dei Legionari	Sun 0900-1000	FX	10 & 20	San Lorenzo church area	Sport bag (1st 250)	NE of Monfalcone
Sernaglia della Battaglia	Sun 0900	F	6 & 12	Next to Sports Complex	Food items (1st 550)	W of Conegliano
Sernaglia della Battaglia	Sun 0930	F	22	Next to Sports Complex	Food items (1st 550)	W of Conegliano
Sernaglia della Battaglia	Sun 0900	F	33	Next to Sports Complex	Food items (1st 550)	W of Conegliano
Luxembourg						
Tetlingen/Tétinge	Sun 0700-1400	F	6 & 12	Kulturzentrum	No award	SE of Esch-sur-Alzette
Tetlingen/Tétinge	Sun 0700-1200	F	20	Kulturzentrum	No award	SE of Esch-sur-Alzette
Netherlands						
Gulpen	Wed 1000-1500	-	5	Café Paddock	No award	SE of Maastricht
Gulpen	Wed 1000-1400	-	10 & 15	Café Paddock	No award	SE of Maastricht
Marja Hoop	Sun 0800-1400	-	7 & 12	Scout, Jeanne D'Arc	No award	NE of Sittard
Marja Hoop	Sun 0800-1200	-	19	Scout, Jeanne D'Arc	No award	NE of Sittard
Marja Hoop	Sun 0730-1000	-	30	Scout, Jeanne D'Arc	No award	NE of Sittard
Switzerland						
St. Margrethen	Sat 0700-1400, Sun 0700-1300	-	5, 10, 20	Rheinausaal	Souvenir	SW of Bregenz
United Kingdom						
RAF Molesworth	Sun 0800-1400	-	10 & 20	Follow signs	Souvenir	NE of Rushden

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B - Awards from past events available (B-medals)

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E - Free refreshment at control points

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N - Nordic walking event

P - Music at start hall (see miscellaneous notes for daytime)

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T - Evening/Night walk, handcarry a flashlight

Y - Award available only while supply lasts

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NRW - Nordrhein-Westfalen

NBS - Niederbayern

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Send info now for all 2004 walks

Attention Volksmarch clubs: Oct. 22 is the deadline to send information (as shown above) about walks in all countries scheduled through the end of 2004. After that, Jennifer West will be out of the country until January. The only walks that will appear in this column between now and then will be the walks you send in now. Send brochures to: Volksmarch Column, Stars and Stripes, Bldg. 2899, Pulaski Barracks, APO AE 09227-3717 (MPS). Send e-mail information to volkstmarch@mail.esrtripes.us.mil.

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most popular tourist attractions. Half a dozen synagogues, including one completed in 1270, are among the many buildings and cemeteries in an area called the State Jewish Museum. Jewish treasures displayed here were brought from all over Europe by the Nazis, who wrote of their plans for a "museum of an extinguished race" in Prague.

The museum area, once the old Jewish quarter, is alive with visitors, and services are still held in some of the synagogues. But most of the congregants are tourists. During the winter, the small Jewish community of Prague has trouble attracting the 10 people needed to make a minyan, or required quorum.

A young man from Prague I spoke with explained it succinctly: "Winter," he said, "is not the season of the Jews."

From a barrack in Terezin, a concentration camp just north-west of Prague, Petr Ginz wrote for, edited and published a secret newspaper.

He somehow smuggled messages out of the camp. He was also a talented artist. His painting of Earth as envisioned from the moon was carried into space by Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon. Ginz was also just a boy. From Terezin he was sent to Auschwitz, where in 1944, at the age of 14, he died.

Terezin was a lovely town of 5,000 when it was closed off, its homes turned into dorms for 55,000 Jews. This was a model camp, a showplace. When the International Red Cross visited,

shop windows were filled with food and some prisoners were given decent clothes and ordered to stand along the route that representatives took on the way to lunch with Nazi commanders.

We are taken to the same washroom the Red Cross was shown. Had the investigators bothered to turn the faucets, they would have realized the plumbing was fake. Their report concluded that given wartime conditions, life in Terezin was acceptable. But an indictment of life in Terezin is contained in the poetry and drawings of some of the 15,000 children imprisoned there. The drawings — 6,000 have been preserved at Terezin — sometimes mix scenes from idyllic pasts with symbols of a horrid present: butterflies and barbed wire, flowers and bare wooden bunk.

The walls of the Terezin museum are also filled with the photographs and biographies of prominent prisoners: Rafael Schachter, chorus master and conductor. Viktor Ullmann, Gideon Klein and Karl Reiner, composers. Karel Svitek, writer of satirical cabarets and comedies. Hugo Haas, actor. His brother Pavel, composer and conductor.

Nearly all the musicians and writers imprisoned in Terezin later died in Auschwitz, as did all but 137 of the 15,000 children. The display is a poignant reminder not only of personal suffering, but, as in all Holocaust sites, of the loss to humanity.

Tours Outdoors

Stars and Stripes

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Germany

Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation offers: **Oct. 16**, Legoland, \$75/\$65; **Oct. 16**, deep-sea fishing in the North Sea, \$120; **Oct. 17**, 7-day spa, \$30; **Oct. 17**, Annweiler Theme Park in France (with zoo, aquarium, golf, spa, IMAX, ice, ice skating, climbing, biking, indoor skiing, etc.), \$35; **Oct. 22-24**, hike, bike, fly and ski in Zell am See, Austria, \$175; **Oct. 23**, climbing and rappelling, \$35; **Oct. 24**, trout fishing, \$35; **Oct. 29**, spa night, \$35; **Oct. 29-31**, ski weekend in Hintertux, Austria, \$210; **Oct. 30**, Six Flags Holland, \$79/\$59; **Oct. 31**, Frankenstein Castle, \$45; **Nov. 5-7**, Paris city visit and bike tour, \$199; **Nov. 5-7**, ski weekend in Sölden, Austria, \$219; **Nov. 6**, ski express, \$55; **Nov. 7**, 7-day spa, \$35; **Nov. 11-14**, ski weekend in Stubai, Austria, \$239; **Nov. 13**, deep-sea fishing, \$120; **Nov. 13**, ski express, \$55; **Nov. 14**, trout fishing, \$35. Call DSN 489-7751 or CV 0631-536-7751.

The 417th BSB Outdoor Recreation at Larson Barracks in Kitzingen, Germany, offers a trip to see the "Rhine in flames" on **Oct. 18**. Call DSN 355-8629 or CIV



Send your ski listings

Stars and Stripes

This year's "Ski Europe" Travel issue is a just few weeks away (Oct. 28). We would like to include information about your ski club and its trips in this special issue and in the "Ski Clubs and Events" calendar throughout the winter. USO and Morale, Welfare and Recreation trips are welcome also.

We prefer e-mail submissions, at travel@mail.estripes.osd.mil. You also may send by mail to Travel Ski Calendar, Editorial, Stars and Stripes, Unit 29480, AFPO AE 09211, or Travel Ski Calendar, Editorial, Post Office 1330, 64345 Griesheim, Germany.

Please include this information (in this order): club's or organization's name, base/city, contact name, phone number and e-mail address, Web address (if available), mailing address, membership costs (singles and families), meeting schedule (days and location), trip schedule (start, dates and costs, example: Subarctic, Nov. 8-9, 250 euros), notes about the trip (costs based on double occupancy? Trips by plane, bus or U-drive? Departure site? Meals or snacks included?).

We also welcome photos of your club skiing. Don't be left out! Many skiers save the ski issue and consult it throughout the season.

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Mannheim Outdoor Recreation events: paintball, **Nov. 13** and **27**, at paintball field, players may check out guns/markers, goggles and accessories on site, \$15 with your own equipment, \$20 with ODR equipment; **Nov. 20**, inside wall climbing, at Indoor Climbing Center just minutes from Mannheim ODR, pre-registration required, \$35; **Dec. 4**, ski tune-up clinic (bring your equipment to work on; registration required). Mannheim ODR also offers one-day ski trips to Feldberg, Germany, or Engelberg, Switzerland, every Saturday from mid-December to April. Engelberg dates: **Dec. 18 and 26; Jan. 1, 15, and 29; Feb. 19 and 26; March 12 and 26 and April 2 and 10**. \$50 including ski, boots, poles and transportation, \$45 with your own equipment. Snowboard package costs an additional \$5, lift ticket not included. Feldberg dates: **Jan. 8, 17 and 22; Feb. 5, 12 and 19; March 5 and 19**. The price per person is \$35, including ski, boots, poles and transportation, or \$30 with your own equipment. Snowboard package costs an additional \$5, lift ticket not included.

Call DSN 381-7215 or 7232, or CIV 0621-730-7215 or 7232.

Ramstein (KMC) RTC Destinations Unlimited tours: By bus: **Oct. 17, 20, 23, 28 and 31**. Castles on the Rhine (castle visit, cruise, lunch and wine tasting, sightseeing and shopping), **Sep. 30**, King Ludwig's Castles (Neuschwanstein and Schloß Linderhof), guided tour, photo stop at the ornate Wieskirche, **Sep. 30**, **16**, Cochem Castle, tour and knight's dinner, **Sep. 30**, the "Essentials of Nancy" city tour and museums, **Sep. 30**. All bus tours are without transfers.

RTT air tours: **Oct. 24-31**, Moscow and St. Petersburg, flight, hotels, overnight train, admissions and six days of tours with lunches, **999 euros**; **Nov. 20-27 and Dec. 24-31**, Egypt, eight days, includes flight, hotels, tours, admissions and three days of cruising the Nile, 1149/1329 euros; **Dec. 27-Jan. 2**, Shanghai, China, with hotel, flights, tours and lunches for 1199 euros.

Flight tours depart from Frankfurt International Airport. Call DSN 480-6334/489-7064/49-7719 or go to www.RTTTravel.com for information.

Ramstein Outdoor Recreation: Oct. 23, 24 and 31, caving in Luxembourg; **Oct. 30**, outdoor rock climbing in Dahn. Call DSN 480-5705 or CIV 06371-47-5705.

Wiesbaden/Dexheim Outdoor Recreation daily tours:

Mondays, intro to scuba, **Tuesdays**, rock climbing, **Wednesdays**, swimming, **Thursdays**, boating, **Saturdays**, skating, **Sundays**, biking, every weekend. Rhine cruise and wine probe. Call Wiesbaden at DSN 337-5760 or CIV 061-1705-5760 and Dexheim at DSN 334-5818 or CIV 06133-69-618.

Spangdahlem Outdoor Recreation offers: **Oct. 20**, intro to scuba diving, \$35 per person, min. age 18; **Oct. 23, 24**, Baltic deep-sea fishing, \$125 per person, min. age 12; **Oct. 23**, Mosel bike trip, \$25 per person, min. age 12; and **Oct. 31**, North Sea fishing, \$125 per person, min. age 14. Call DSN 452-7176 or COM 06555-61-7176.

Spangdahlem Information, Tickets and Travel tours and events: **Oct. 15-16**, Poland Shopping Express, \$69 per person; **Oct. 16**, Cochem Medieval Dinner, \$75 per person; **Oct. 23**, Paris Express, \$99 adults, \$89 ages 3-12; **Oct. 23**, Amsterdam, \$50 per person; **Oct. 30**, Disneyland Halloween special, \$109 adults, \$99 ages 3-12; **Oct. 30**, Halloween party at Frankenstein's Castle, \$51 adults; **Oct. 31**, Halloween Family Day at Frankenstein's Castle, \$40 adults, \$35 ages 3-12; **Nov. 6**, Metz City and flea market, \$32; Call DSN 452-5557 or COM 06555-61-6557.

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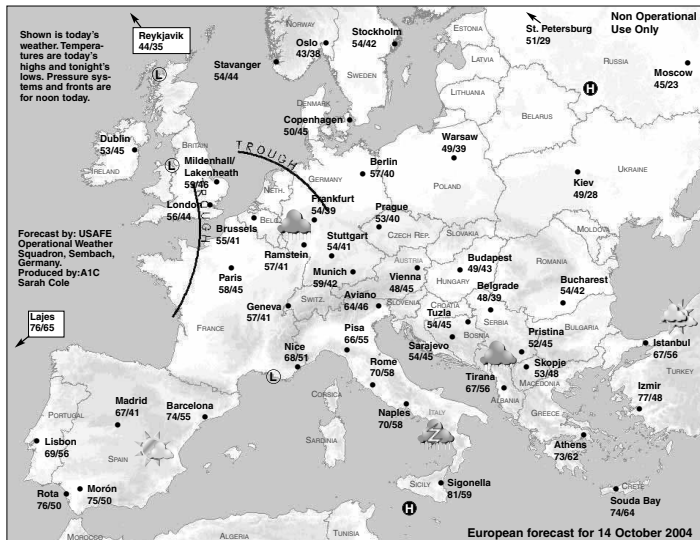
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EUROPEAN FORECAST

BeneLux: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the mid 50s, Friday lows in the lower 40s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the lower to upper 50s, Friday lows in the mid to upper 40s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 50s, Friday lows in the mid 40s.

France: Cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the upper 50s to upper 60s, Friday lows in the mid 40s to lower 50s.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the mid to upper 50s, Friday lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the mid to upper 50s, Friday lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

Hungary: Cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the upper 40s, Friday lows in the lower 40s.

Northern Italy: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s, Friday lows in the mid 40s to mid 50s.

Southern Italy: Cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s, Friday lows in the upper 50s.

Kosovo: Cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the lower 50s, Friday lows in the mid to upper 40s.

Norway: Cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the lower 40s to mid 50s, Friday lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s to mid 70s, Friday lows in the lower 40s to mid 50s.

Turkey: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s to upper 80s, Friday lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s.

AFRICA

Cape Town	78	55	Mogadishu	87	75
Dakar	81	78	Nairobi	82	58
Freetown	88	75	Rabat	73	54
Windhoek	84	71	Tripoli	88	64

THE WORLD

Amsterdam	58	42	Manila	90	74
Batavia	87	73	Mexico City	70	54
Beijing	70	45	Montreal	63	40
Bombay	81	70	Riyadh	99	68
Buenos Aires	80	73	Rio de Jan.	83	70
Calcutta	81	79	Saudi	54	46
Helsinki	80	74	Sofia	83	41
Hong Kong	86	71	Sydney	83	61
London	69	56	Tokyo	69	59

TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

Alabama, Tex.	69	46	Ark.	69	47	Calif.	69	47	Del.	69	47	Fla.	69	47	Georgia	69	47	Ill.	69	47	Ind.	69	47	Iowa	69	47	Kent.	69	47	La.	69	47	Maine	69	47	Md.	69	47	Mass.	69	47	Mich.	69	47	Minn.	69	47	Miss.	69	47	Mo.	69	47	N.H.	69	47	N.J.	69	47	N.Y.	69	47	N.C.	69	47	N.D.	69	47	Ohio	69	47	Ore.	69	47	Penn.	69	47	R.I.	69	47	S.C.	69	47	S.D.	69	47	Tenn.	69	47	Texas	69	47	Vt.	69	47	Wash.	69	47	W.V.	69	47	Wis.	69	47	Wyo.	69	47
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Mazar-e-Sharif	81/43	Kabul	75/46	Islamabad	80/56	New Delhi	85/61	Kandahar	86/55	Hyderabad	87/66	Bombay	92/74	Karachi	90/75
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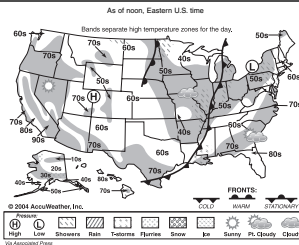
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SUN & MOON

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (Baghdad)	0307	0308
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	0547	0548
Sunset (Baghdad)	1431	1430
Sunset (Frankfurt)	1636	1634

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(AFLN-FAMILY)	(AFLN-MOVIE)	(AFLN-EUROPE)	(AFLN-KOREA)	(AFLN-NEWS)	(AFLN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFLN-PACIFIC)
9:00 Stanley	Movie *** "Video Voyer: The Susan Wilson Story" (2002, Drama) Angie Harmon	Dr. Phil	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 2 of 5)	Nightline	NFL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at Tampa Bay Lightning	30-Minute Meals	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 2 of 5)
9:30 Sawto-Smash Cat		Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Nightly Business Report	Harbold With Chris Matthews	Low Carb & Lovin' It	Muza Lucha
10:00 Arthur (E)		Guiding Light	Headline News	60 Minutes II	Design on a Dime	Style Star	Jeopardy!
10:30 Between the Lions 'B's Bo'	Movie *** "Harvey" (1950, Comedy) James Stewart, E.A. Gurnea (taped) makes the rounds with an invisible friend.	General Hospital	ESPN News		ST News Live	Headline News	ESPN News
11:00 Sawto-Smash Cat		Headline News	Advisory Board		Soccer 2006 World Cup Qualifier - Panama vs United States. (Taped)	The King of Queens	Pacific Report
12:00 Dora the Explorer	Movie *** "The Prince of Tides" (1991, Drama) Nick Nolte, Sissy Spacek, David Strassman	Judge Judy	Will & Grace	The O'Reilly Factor	Griffins	Any Day Now 'Family is Family'	Will & Grace
12:30 The Wiggles 'Animals'		Today Debate analysis; Tatum O'Neal	The Bachelor	Good Morning America	Charm'd 'Slaughtering With the Knife'	The Bachelor	The Bachelor
13:00 Bob the Builder					NBA Preseason Basketball Houston Rockets vs. Sacramento Kings. From Beijing. (Same-day tape)	Aly McBeal 'Happy Trails'	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 'Invisible Evidence'
13:30 Dragon Tales (E)	Dinner: Stessman directed that tale of a dysfunctional family.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 'Invisible Evidence'	Pacific Report	Headline News	Channel One	Any Day Now 'Family is Family'	Pacific Report
14:00 Blue's Clues		Asa!ht Real Monsters	Presidential Debate (Taped)	The Early Show	SportsCenter	ER 'The Dance We Do'	Presidential Debate (Taped)
14:30 Barney & Friends (E)	Movie *** "Dick Tracy" (1990, Adventure) Al Pacino. They step in when a gangster uses Chicago's mob.	The Weekenders (E)	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 2 of 5)		College Football West Virginia at Connecticut. (Taped)	Law & Order 'Deadair'	Access Hollywood
15:00 Funniest Home Videos		Screen Play	Jeopardy!		The Simpsons	Headline News	Headline News
15:30 Full House 'Dance Out'		Ebert-Movies	Destinations	FOX News	The Simpsons	Headline News	Headline News
16:00 Pokémon		Entertainment Tonight	Headline News	FOX News	The Simpsons	Headline News	Headline News
16:30 Yu-Gi-Oh! 'Dual Identity'		Headline News	The Late Late Show	FOX News	The Simpsons	Headline News	Headline News
17:00 Hey Arnold!		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	The Simpsons	Headline News	Headline News
17:30 Rocket Power		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	The Simpsons	Headline News	Headline News
18:00 SpongeBob SquarePants		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	The Simpsons	Headline News	Headline News
18:30 Rugrats		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	The Simpsons	Headline News	Headline News
19:00 That's So Raven	Movie *** "The Mask of Zorro" (1998, Adventure) Antonio Banderas, Anthony Hopkins. Zorro's protege comes aunts with a returning injury.	Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	The Simpsons	Headline News	Headline News
19:30 All That		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	The Simpsons	Headline News	Headline News
20:00 7th Heaven 'Regarding Eric'		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	The Simpsons	Headline News	Headline News
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22:00 The Cosby Show	Movie *** "Liar Liar" (1997, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Maura Tierney, Jennifer Tilly	Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	The Simpsons	Headline News	Headline News
22:30 Home Improvement		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	The Simpsons	Headline News	Headline News
23:00 Touched by an Angel 'Our God'		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	The Simpsons	Headline News	Headline News
23:30		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	The Simpsons	Headline News	Headline News
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2004							
00:00 Hey Arnold!	(11:00) Movie *** "They Were Expended" (1945, 40 minutes) Robert Montgomery	(10:30) Presidential Debate	(11:00) Today Debate analysis; Tatum O'Neal	Headline News	SportsCenter	Late Night With Conan O'Brien	(11:00) Today Debate analysis; Tatum O'Neal
00:30 Rocket Power		Access Hollywood	Headline News	NBC Nightly News		One Tree Hill 'What is and What Should Never Be'	Sesame Street (E)
1:00 SpongeBob SquarePants		4 Ours	Sesame Street (E)	ABC World News Tonight	College Football Louisville at Miami. (Live)	Frontline 'The Choice 2004'	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)
1:30 Rugrats	Movie *** "Koolhaed 2" (1987, Horror) Bruce Campbell, Sarah Berry, Dan Hicks.	MLB Baseball Playoffs, Live	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)	60 Minutes II	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Wheel of Fortune	Dr. Phil
2:30 All That		Dr. Phil	Hannity & Colmes	Oprah Winfrey	Nightline	Headline News	Headline News
3:00 7th Heaven 'Regarding Eric'	Movie *** "The Mask of Zorro" (1998, Adventure) Antonio Banderas, Anthony Hopkins. Zorro's protege comes aunts with a returning injury.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
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5:00 Sesame Street (E)		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
5:30 Barney & Friends (E)	Movie *** "Liar Liar" (1997, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Maura Tierney, Jennifer Tilly	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
6:00 Blue's Clues		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
6:30 Dragon Tales (E)		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
7:00 Bob the Builder		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
7:30 The Wiggles 'Directions'		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
8:00 Dora the Explorer		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
8:30 Stanley	Movie *** "D.C. Quinn, Medicine Woman: The Movie" (1999, Jan Seymour, Joe Land)	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
9:00 Sawto-Smash Cat		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
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10:00 Between the Lions (E)	Movie *** "The Magnificent Seven" (1960, Western) Yul Brynner, Steve McQueen, Burt Reynolds. Based on the tale of the all-greatest league of 1843.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
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15:30 Full House	Movie *** "Hunted: Robert Redford's Modern Life" (2002, Drama) Fred Dryer, Stephanie Kramer.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
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19:00 CaliZona		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
19:30 The Weekenders (E)	Movie *** "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002) Reese Witherspoon. A New York fashion designer has a secret in the South.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
20:00 Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
20:30 All That		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
21:00 Lizzie McGuire	Movie *** "The Truman Show" (1998) Jim Carrey. A man learns that his world is one continuous TV program.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
21:30 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
22:00 Switched 'Adam and Rudy'		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
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23:00 The Cosby Show	Movie *** "Boyz n the Hood" (1991, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
23:30 Home Improvement		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News

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OPINION

A number of problems with how polls work

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Bonnie Erbe



I've been driving myself batty (according to my husband, a short drive) for several months, "motoring" as it were to

rasmussenreports.com. This Web site's daily and rolling track-

ing polls provide not only national numbers, (to which so-called experts this year are paying scant attention) but also tallies of voters' inclination in the all-important battleground states. The site then projects the likely outcome of the prized Electoral College vote. More recently, I found electoral-vote.com, which, unlike rasmussenreports.com, does not describe itself as Republican-leaning but owner Scott Rasmussen has been widely identified in the media as a Republican pollster. Its latest nationwide tracking poll revealed President Bush drew the support of 50 percent of likely voters and Sen. John Kerry drew 46 percent.

Rasmussenreports tallied the Electoral College votes as follows: Bush 240, Kerry

179. With 270 the magical number for victory, rasmussenreports.com projected no clear winner, but declared the president way ahead of the challenger, Kerry.

Electoral-vote.com, whose creator is a self-described Kerry supporter, has Kerry at 270 electoral votes (that magic number again) and Bush a "fer piece" back at 248.

We've all come to expect deviation in polls. Last month several national polls on Bush's "bounce" coming out of the Republican National Convention showed him ahead of Kerry by spreads ranging from 2 to 12 points. That's a chasm-sized gap, given pollsters are all supposed to be polling similar representative samplings of likely or registered voters.

But the difference in battleground state leanings as proclaimed on these two Web sites is even greater.

What explains the differences? Pollsters offer a number of explanations.

First, the same exact question asked in different order or with the modification of one changed word, can produce polar opposite results. Go figure.

Then, there's this season's cacophony of the "undecided voter." People who are not truly undecided may still claim to pollsters that they are, as a way of primping for additional media attention. After all, it's the "undecideds" who are staring on national television, in thoroughly scrutinized and fawned-over focus groups, etc. It's the "Hi man, look at me," suddenly famous syndrome.

Then there are new oddities in the way pollsters poll and changes in voting patterns that combine may be throwing the precision of polling way off its usual formulaic goal. These are as follows: Pollsters tend to call registered voters and likely voters (the people they prefer to poll) from well-worn lists of phone numbers they've used in the



past. Pollsters traditionally rely on land-line home phone numbers. The trend among younger voters (the 30-and-under crowd, which is to say, a sizable segment of the U.S. population) is away from land-line home phones, toward total reliance on cell phones. Cell phones are unlisted in telephone directories.

Therefore these voters' opinions, the belief goes, are not being adequately represented in pollsters' samplings.

Then there's the huge push by both parties to register tens of thousands (if not hundreds of thousands) of new voters per state, especially in battleground states. These voters, too, do not generally appear on pollsters' lists. So their opinions may not be fairly represented.

Democrats claim to have registered larger proportions of new voters than Republicans. But then again, just because people register does not necessarily equate with hordes of new voters trudging to polling places on Election Day. Still, this change in registration patterns may be enough to throw the reliability of polls into question.

In sum, there are more questions than answers this election season about the reliability of polls. Where we end up is, not only is the American public deeply divided but our pollsters are, too.

Bonnie Erbe, host of the PBS program "To the Contrary," writes this column for Scripps Howard News Service.

Answers to 8 questions will decide 1 veteran's vote

BY KEITH W. MINES

I am a 28-year veteran of the active Army and reserves, having served the nation in civilian and military assignments in Grenada, Honduras, El Salvador, Somalia, Haiti, Afghanistan and Iraq.

I am the son of an arthritic forward observer who fought in the Pacific in World War II, the father of a young man who will reach military age during the next administration and is anxious to get into uniform, the uncle of a Marine who was on his way to the Ramadiah area of Iraq (his second deployment), and the second cousin of a soldier who recently returned from Sadr City.

I am from the class of Americans that fights our wars, as opposed to the class that theorizes and fantasizes about them. As the vote Nov. 2, I will not take with me the impressions garnered from the candidates' use of the armed forces as campaign props. Rather, I will ask these questions about how the next president will organize our military for war and how he will position our country:

■ Will you increase the size of the military? I have yet to meet anyone in uniform who believes that the current force is large enough to manage America's threats. In the wake of 9/11, we are involved in a manpower-intensive fight with huge unknowns. We need a big increase in our armed forces to manage the threats, several new permanent divisions for the Army and Marines and large increases in our special operations forces and reserve force, at a minimum.

■ Will you maintain the post-Vietnam force structure? After Vietnam, our military was restructured so it would be impossible to go to war without a national consensus by making Reserve and National Guard units essential to any large campaign. This

made deployments slightly slower but enhanced national support for our operations. I would be extremely leery of moves to return the military to a federal force that could be deployed without this consensus.

■ Will you build lasting alliances? Forget the go-it-alone machismo. It might bring the crowds to their feet on the campaign trail, but for the soldiers and Marines who are now deploying for the second time in Iraq, more allies would be welcome.

■ Will you carry out policies that will anger the world? There is an endless supply of recruits for al-Qaida and other terrorist spin-offs, part of the huge middle ground that is waiting to be persuaded to fight against us or to leave us alone. How we conduct ourselves in the world will help determine which way the middle moves. I want a president who is viewed positively.

■ Will you forcibly repudiate Abu Ghraib? The Abu Ghraib prison scandal may be the biggest foreign policy disaster since Vietnam. By leaving in its wake images of American sexual and physical domination of Arab men, it will inspire our enemies and enhance recruiting for groups that wish to hurt us at a time when the ability to damage us has increased manifold. I seek a president who will forcibly repudiate these actions.

■ Will you listen to your military advisers? It is understood by civilian leaders of the armed forces that their job is to set policy and allow the military to carry it out. When the civilian leadership gets too deeply involved in the nuts and bolts of military operations, things tend to go awry.

■ Do you have a strategy? Since 9/11, we have devised a number of tools for fighting

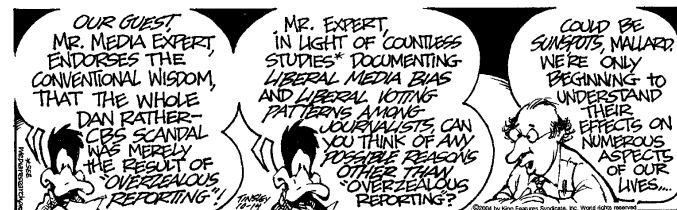
terrorism but have yet to develop a toolbox. Neither candidate has laid out a comprehensive strategy for our current conflict or a paradigm for the post-Cold War world. I would be interested in a doctrine, however flexible and broad, that could replace containment and guide our policies and practices.

■ Do you understand the world? While it is not the nature of our political system to offer leaders who are well traveled and have lived abroad, some understanding of the world would be helpful for a wartime leader. President Bush and Sen. John Kerry may continue to waste money on petty attack ads and counterattack ads if they like, but to win this veteran's vote, they would do better to answer these eight simple questions.

Keith W. Mines is a major in the Army Special Forces Reserve. This column first appeared in *The Dallas/Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Horoscope

The Scorpio moon ushers in a serious mood but not necessarily a gloom one. Going deeper into the cause of a problem will be featured this afternoon. This is done best by observing the people connected to the issue. We are keenly attuned to human behavior, and if we ask ourselves the right questions, the answers are apparent.

Joyce Jillson



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(October 14). You come to a realization about yourself this year that changes your life forever. Perhaps it will motivate you to seek out a support group, change careers or find a new mate. You'll join a club or organization of like-minded individuals at the start of the new year and meet someone there — a teacher, love or friend — who expands your mind.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Your warm temperament and willingness to tell it like it is may have attracted the affections of one who's a bit slower on the uptake. You're not known for your patience, but in this case, it would behoove you to make an extra effort.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Regarding emotional and financial security, help is coming. You meet a well-informed expert in the field that is relevant to you — be it health care, insurance or banking. You'll know this person by his/her air of authority and warmth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Everything seems to be lagging to pieces all around you, but for once, you are the calm at the center of the storm. Survey the chaos with an eye for remembering details — a key may be called upon to give a deposition.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

The workweek has thrown you out of balance, and you desperately need to re-center yourself so you can make the most of the next few days. How do you know you're out of alignment? There's too much chatter in your head.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Just because it's raining doesn't mean the sky is falling. Try to maintain your perspective and your positive

attitude. The most important thing is your health and safety. Focus on that first, and everything else will follow suit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Unfinished business nags at the back of your mind. Perhaps it's an old flame or a project you just can't seem to finish. You're the only one still obsessing about it. Everyone else has moved on, so don't let it ruin your day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Family squabbles can drag you down. You don't want to fall for the same old dynamic. What would happen if, for once, you refused to play the expected role of go-between? Let folks talk to each other instead of relaying messages.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Regarding a special deal, stick mainly to your terms, but do remain flexible on the points that don't mean as much to you. A certain amount of give and take in the form of revisions will be required to finalize things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

You've settled into a new situation that arose in your life over the last season. Maybe it's a new job, a new love or a travel opportunity. Check in with your higher self again now that you're over the hump.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

You're a good provider. Is it any wonder that family members are hitting you up for money? If you can comfortably afford it, you would do well to spread the wealth around a bit. Your family — and the economy — will benefit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

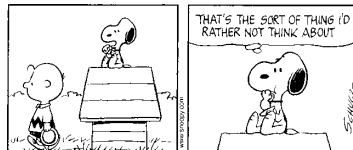
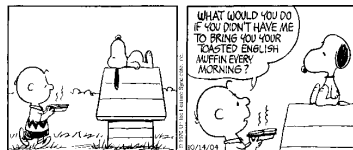
You're doing all the right things — getting involved in projects you care about and focusing on bettering yourself and the world. Just try to be patient. An older female friend, perhaps a neighbor, could really use your assistance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Your love life is really cooking. It's only going to get hotter in the coming weeks, too. Right now, focus on finances. You and your fellow water signs, Cancer and Scorpio, are in a prime position to receive a big wind-fall soon.

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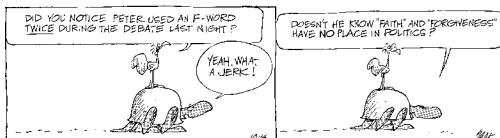
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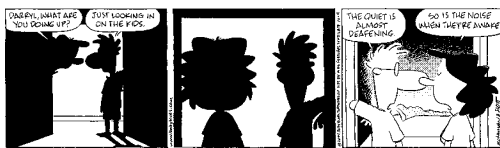
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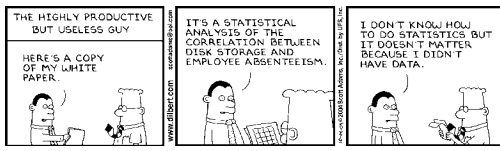
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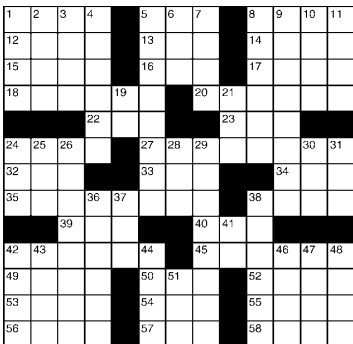
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 8 Double agent
- 12 Patina
- 13 Luau bowlful
- 14 Duel tool
- 15 Blueprint
- 16 Mad Hatter's quaff
- 17 Hand out hands
- 18 Deli buy
- 20 Rejects disdainfully
- 22 P.E. venue
- 23 Simile center
- 24 Wind-section member
- 27 Quarantined
- 32 Big shot
- 33 Speed along
- 34 401(k) alternative
- 35 Point of tangency
- 38 Swindle
- 39 Tennis stroke
- 40 Charged bit
- 42 Vacillate
- 43 Baltimore bird
- 49 Bald eagles' localities
- 50 B&B
- 52 Incite
- 53 Grown-up nits
- 54 49 Across' venue
- 55 Teller's partner
- 56 Retainers
- 57 RNC figure
- 58 Guru's practice

Down

- 1 Uppercase
- 2 Island entertainment
- 3 Caspian Sea feeder
- 4 Handle
- 5 Make as good as possible
- 6 Lobster coral
- 7 Prejudice
- 8 She's had some bad hair days
- 9 Dramatically grand
- 10 Slender
- 11 Lamprays
- 19 "Goodness gracious!"
- 21 See 1-Across
- 24 Eventual ayes
- 25 Clothing
- 26 Wealth
- 28 Sermon subject
- 29 Not necessary
- 30 Geological period
- 31 Spill checker?
- 36 Plays quilts
- 37 Briz deg.
- 38 Short-tempered
- 41 On the other hand
- 42 Ego
- 43 Toledo's lake
- 44 Thin strand
- 46 Hydrox rival
- 47 Protracted
- 48 Barry Humphries' Dame
- 51 Ultramodernist

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: BEING THAT I RELISH GOSSIPING ABOUT OPEN-TOED SHOES, I GUESS I'M A SANDALMONGER.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: Q equals T

Scams target those in mourning

Dear Abby: I agree with your advice 95 percent of the time. However, I disagree with your comments to "Heartstick in N.Y.," the widow who said a young woman had shown up on her doorstep claiming to be her deceased husband's illegitimate daughter.

That young woman didn't ask to be born from an affair.

Although I'm sure the widow is heartless, there is no way to easily break that kind of news to anyone. If "Heartstick" is unsure about paternity, a simple DNA test can be used to prove the truth.

—Cheryl in San Antonio

Dear Cheryl: That's true. And that is why I advise "Heartstick" to contact her lawyer right away. However, my gut told me that something might be amiss. And here's why. Read on:

Dear Abby: "Heartstick's" letter had "con artist" written all

over it. Please inform her that there are people who check the obituaries every day for the names of people who die. They get all the personal information and show up when the survivors are not thinking clearly.

Pictures can be doctored, and the information about the husband being in the sports field, I'm sure, was public knowledge. It's a simple matter, with today's technology, to scan pictures and digitally alter them.

If the husband was clever enough to have kept his affair and the child hidden for 20 years, and he wanted to help the girl with college tuition, don't you think he'd have devised a way to provide for her financial security? And if that girl was really his daughter, don't you think she'd have been more sensitive than to have approached his widow at a time like that?

—Ben Conned in Mississippi
Dear Conned: I agree with you. There are better ways to

approach someone than to tell the person the last 20 years of her marriage was a lie. Read on:

Dear Abby: My 37-year-old husband was killed by a drunk driver. His picture appeared in the newspaper. My husband was a very handsome man who had been successful in sales.

When I returned from his funeral, I found, mixed in with the condolence notes, a letter from a woman claiming that my husband was the father of her child. She said she was willing to leave town and not embarrass us, but needed money to do so. I did not contact a lawyer—I called the police. They contacted the FBI and the woman was caught.

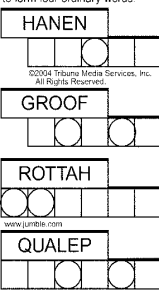
It was a scam that she had used successfully before.

—Sympathetic in Hawaii
Dear Sympathetic: You're a quick thinker.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Answer here: " " " "

Yesterday's Jumbles: LISLE NEEDY VOYAGE FEMALE
Answer: The carpenters worked well together because they were — ON THE SAME "LEVEL."

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



WHAT THE NEIGHBORS LIKED TO DO ON LAUNDRY DAY.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Pamper friend going through divorce

Dear Annie: My good friend, "Ellen," is going through a difficult time. Her husband of 20 years is having a midlife crisis, and after two months of making Ellen miserable, he finally confessed that he wants a divorce and is looking forward to a new life with his new girlfriend. The jerk even had the nerve to say he doesn't find Ellen physically attractive. Ellen is in her 40s, but looks younger. She's always watched her weight, takes pride in her appearance and has a fantastic personality.

Ellen is devastated. She's having problems eating and sleeping, and her self-esteem is in the toilet. Her therapist is working with her and the kids, but a bunch of us would love to treat her to a complete makeover to give her a new look for her new life. However, with all the damage her husband has caused, I'm afraid it would hurt her feelings to suggest she needs to rethink her hair, makeup and clothing.

Should we do this, or leave well

enough alone?

—Baffled Friend
Dear Friend: We think this is a great way to lift Ellen's spirits.

But don't approach it as if her appearance needs work. Instead, tell her she deserves to be pampered and you want to cheer her up by treating her to a "spa" day. It would be even better if all of you could

afford to accompany her and have a "girls' day" together. Skip the new clothing and instead consider a pedicure or a massage. Then she will believe it's a gift to help her relax and not a form of criticism.

Dear Annie: Don't parents teach their kids manners these days? There was a child about 7 years old in my store last week. He kept shouting over and over, "I want a toy!" His mother couldn't concentrate on the transaction taking place. To top it off, after being so rude, he was al-

lowed to get the toy he wanted.

I have a 9-year-old daughter, and I teach her basic manners, such as knocking on a closed door before entering, not touching things that do not belong to her, etc.

I will admit that my daughter is smart for her age, but if parents would put their foot down and teach their children some basic courtesies, our world would be a much nicer place.

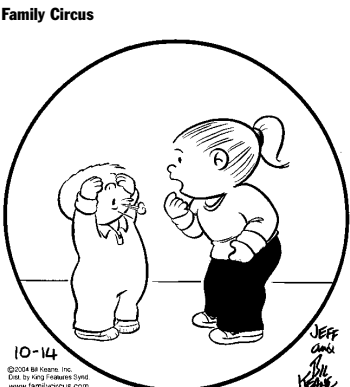
—Frustrated in Kentucky
Dear Kentucky: Ah yes, purchasing the toy after the child threw a tantrum was definitely the wrong message to send, and too many parents give in to their child's demands even when they know they shouldn't.

It's the easy way out. There are plenty of parents who teach their children manners and consideration for others. They should be commended. The rest should take lessons.

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"No, P.J. Cover your MOUTH when you cough."



Domis the Menace



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The Far Side



"C'mon! Kevin's cooling his way up onto the table. ... Some slugs have a few drinks and just go nuts!"

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An inspired piece

Seeing Tiger Woods on TV got DODDS champ to pick up a club

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NAVAL STATION
ROTA, Spain — Four years ago, golf hadn't reached Gilbert Mendez.

He played baseball and basketball.

Then he saw Tiger Woods.

Golf was suddenly cool. Watching the fast-pumping golf superstar on TV inspired him to play, like thousands of other kids who didn't know the difference between a putter and a pitching wedge.

"I was watching him one day and actually had a baseball bat and a golf ball and I started putting with it," Mendez said.

"I told my dad I wanted to play golf."

Mendez, now 17 and a senior at Rota High School, hasn't stopped playing.

And he keeps getting better and better.

In a relatively short period, Mendez has gone from smacking balls with a bat around his home to becoming one of the best prep golfers in Europe. He will attempt to defend his title this week in the Department of Defense Dependent Schools-Europe championship in Wiesbaden, Germany.

He should have a good shot if he continues to play as he has the past few weeks. He comes in with an improved short game and a level-headed approach to each round.

But he believes the competition is tougher this year.

"I know there are a lot more players out there that have improved," he said. "I know I've improved, but it's a totally different game out there. I've just got to do my best."

The players who might give provide his stiffest competition are his teammates. Four of the six top golfers in Europe this season are

Gilbert Mendez tees off at the Naval Station Rota golf course in Spain. Mendez is looking to defend his DODDS-Europe title this week.

SCOTT SCHONAUER/Stars and Stripes

from Rota, which has seven players in the top 25 in scoring average.

Senior Jason Allard placed third last year and is leading Europe with a 47.5 Stableford point average. Stableford scoring awards points for double-bogeys and better. Allard's average is just a half-point better than Mendez's.

Juniors John Orem and Jim Connolly aren't far behind, averaging 42 and 41, respectively. Having so many good players on the same team has made everyone better, Allard said.

"We probably have the best practices of the other teams because we push each other," he said. "There's a lot of guys that score well. Our practices get competitive and we have fun."

Rota golf coach Greg Jacobs said Mendez and Allard are exact opposites in how they play. Little seems to rattle Mendez. He is calm and cool when under fire and relies heavily on his impressive short game. Allard is known for his ability to launch mammoth drives off the tee, but he has to learn to control his emotions sometimes, Jacobs said.

"They're different," Jacobs said. "This is power," he said, pointing to Allard. "This is finesse," he said, pointing to Mendez.

Both have the tools to play college golf if they are committed to the game, according to their coach.

"Potentially, they're both, I would say Division II golfers, possibly Division I," Jacobs said. "I hope they can do it. It's up to them."

Mendez, who was mostly a self-taught golfer before coming to the team, would like to continue playing competitively. He said playing the game comes naturally even though his father isn't a golfer and he wasn't exposed to the game until he saw Woods on TV.

The days when he's playing really well, such as the time he shot below par on the base course earlier this summer, keep him going and practicing to improve his shot-making skills.

"The good days make you want to come back and do it again and I know I can do it," he said.

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This week's schedule

Saturday

Cross country
Baumholder, International School of Brussels, Kaiserlautern, Lakenheath, Ramstein, Rota, St. John's at Bilburg, Bamberg, Black Forest Academy, Frankfurt International School, Hohenfels, Wiesbaden at Hanaia, Ankara at Incirlik; Marymount International of Rome at Livorno; American Overseas School of Rome at Milan; Aviano at Naples; Alconbury, Brussels, Heidelberg, Menwith Hill, SHAPE at Ramstein; Vienna at Sigonella, Mannheim, Patch, Würzburg at Vilseck.

Golf

Thursday and Friday

European championships at Rheinblick Golf Club, Wiesbaden.

Football

(Overall, conference records in parentheses; night games in conference)

Saturday

Division I — Ramstein (2-1, 2-1) at Heidelberg (4-0, 3-0); Würzburg (1-1, 1-2) at Kaiserslautern (1-3, 1-2) at Wiesbaden (0-1, 2-1).

Division II — Mannheim (0-2, 0-2) at Bitburg (2-2, 1-2); London Central (2-1, 2-1) at SHAPE (1-1, 1-1); Aviano (0-2, 0-2) at Naples (3-1, 2-1); Hanaia (2-2, 2-1) at Vilseck (2-2, 1-1); Patch (2-2, 2-1) at International School of Brussels (4-0, 4-0).

Division III — Alconbury (0-1, 0-1) at Rota (2-2, 0-1); Menwith Hill (4-0, 2-0) at Brussels (1-3, 0-2); ANOROTH (2-1, 1-2) at Sigonella (2-1, 0-2); Baumholder (3-1, 1-0) at Gießen (1-1, 0-1); Vienna (2-2, 0-1) at Ansbach (4-0, 1-0); Bamberg (1-1, 1-1) at Hohenfels (0-1, 1-1).

Sunday

Division I — Lakenheath at Würzburg; Wiesbaden at Heidelberg.

Saturday

Nonconference — International School of Brussels at SHAPE; Ansbach at Vilseck.

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Volleyball

Lakenheath, London Central, Menwith Hill, SHAPE, Ramstein, Rota, St. John's at Bilburg, Bamberg, Black Forest Academy, Frankfurt International School, Hohenfels, Wiesbaden at Hanaia, Ankara at Incirlik; Marymount International of Rome at Livorno; American Overseas School of Rome at Milan; Aviano at Naples; Frankfurt International School of Rome, Wiesbaden at Ramstein; Vienna at Sigonella; Mannheim, Patch at Vilseck.

Game of the week

What: Division II football.

Who: Hanaia (2-2, 2-2) at Vilseck (2-2, 1-2).

When: 1 p.m. Saturday.

Where: Vilseck High School.

Home-field advantage is a big plus for us. Hanaia coach Sam Cassio wrote in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes: "Our home-field advantage is a big plus for us."

Hanaia won its first two games, conference and nonconference, 14-0 and 14-0. Patch, at home, and suffered its only conference game loss on road.

Hanaia has played all but one of its Division II games at home.

One home game was a 35-7 romp over Mannheim.

"Vilseck is a much better team than Mannheim," Cassio said.

"They have a solid offense that can pound the ball all over the field," he said.

Johnston and have a little bit of a passing game that we haven't seen before."

Hanaia relies on the running of Matt Williams, who has rushed for 281 yards at Naples with an injury and Aaron Biles at Ramstein.

Both teams will focus on protecting the ball this week.

Eliminating turnovers will be our key to winning this week, Cassio said.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Danny Edwards Cross country Ramstein

Last week: Edwards, a junior, set his second straight course record last Saturday when he covered the new 5,000-meter Würzburg course in 15:55 in leading the Ramstein boys to a 1-5 sweep of a six-team meet.

His run came on the heels of the course-record 17:15 he ran the previous week at Kaiserslautern.

Edwards' success has come no surprise to his coach, Steve Meadows, or to rival mentor Mike Johnson of Würzburg, who cited Edwards as a runner to watch before the season started.



"We know he was coming on," Meadows said. "He's a hard-working kid. He really worked over the summer."

Meadows suggested Edwards' success comes from training hard in practice. "He gets pushed every day," Meadows said of the Royals' practice sessions, in which Edwards runs with teammates Parker Cowles, Noah Sheppard, Ben Eller, James Hammett and younger brother, Kevin, who finished his senior season last Saturday at Würzburg. "The whole group goes out and competes. They all work together as a unit."

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Natasha Holan Girls volleyball Heidelberg

Last week: Holan, a 5-foot-11 junior letter in her second season at Heidelberg, pounced 23 kills in the Lady Lions' victory last Saturday over Baumholder and 10 kills in a conquest of Wiesbaden.

Holan's power helped the defending European Division I champion improve to 7-0 overall and 2-0 in Division I.

"I haven't seen anybody who's as good a hitter as she is this year," said Holan's coach, Rich Bennett. "She's a lot stronger than last year after lifting weights all summer."



Bennett added that there's more to Holan's game than her play at the net.

"She has a nice serve," Bennett said, pointing to three aces against Baumholder. "She's also one of the best passers on the team."

Bennett said Holan is one of the few pure volleyball players he's had during his long career at Heidelberg.

"Natasha plays for a German women's team," he said. "She's a volleyball player who really is a volleyball player. She concentrates on the game, unlike our normal players. Most of our girls are basketball players that we make into volleyball players. She's a volleyball player."

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Staley's impact reflected in Steelers' record, stats

Free agent has revived Pittsburgh's rush attack

By ALAN ROBINSON

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — For the first time in years, Duce Staley didn't find being pulled from a game.

As Steelers fans chanted, "Duce, Duce, Duce" during his third consecutive 100-yard game Sunday, Staley sat down late in the third quarter of Pittsburgh's 34-23 victory over Cleveland and never returned.

While playing a year ago for cross-state Philadelphia — though not playing very much — a similar benching likely would have meant the Eagles were going with another of their three running backs, either Brian Westbrook or Correll Buckhalter.

This time, coach Bill Cowher was merely allowing Staley to rest his sore groin and infected toe and avoid overusing him in a game the Steelers already had won. Staley couldn't help but smile at the significance of that, given a year ago he hardly got any work at all.

"All I want to do is play ball," said Staley, who left Philadelphia after three consecutive NFL game appearances for the chance to run more in Pittsburgh. "Right now, it's working out."

It's working out even better than the Steelers envisioned when they signed Staley to revitalize the traditional cornerstone of their offense that broke down repeatedly during their 6-10 season of last year.

Adding the 240-pound Staley has brought back much of the run-right-er-at-tem-to-realize-mis-ming from the Steelers' offense when the small but fast Amos Ze-roeue was starting early last season.

Blocking for Staley also has motivated an offensive line that is playing much better than it did last season despite losing right guard Kendall Simmons to a season-ending knee injury during training camp.

"We knew his style, and we thought he would fit well in the offense," Cowher said Tuesday. "It was like when Jerome [Bettis] came over from the Rams [in 1996], we thought he would fit with us like to do. And I think it will get even better as he runs more."

The upgraded running game is reflected not just in the Steelers' 4-1 record but also in their statis-



Steelers running back Duce Staley finds room to run Sunday against the Browns. Staley rushed for over 100 yards for his third straight game and has more yards (489) than the team had after five games last season.

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tics. They are No. 7 in rushing, up 24 places from the end of last season, and Staley has more yards (489) than the 425 team had after five games last season.

Staley, a three-time, 1,000-yard rusher, also has more yards than the 463 he had last season. His three 100-yard games also are one more than the Steelers had last season.

"Three in a row means a lot to me," said Staley, the Steelers' only major non-draft addition during the offseason. "It means a lot to the line, because those guys definitely need all the credit they get. The front five is paying the way."

With the 29-year-old Staley off to the best start of his eight-season career, the Steelers have returned to the run-first mentality they first adopted under coach Chuck Noll in the early 1970s and maintained for most of Cowher's 13-season tenure.

They got away from that mid-second year when they

threw 532 times and ran 446 times, a near reverse of the run-heavy mix (580 rushes and 454 passes) that they had while going 13-3 in 2001.

Cowher said Tuesday that he was "as gassy as anyone of becoming enamored" with the success the Steelers enjoyed after opening up their offense with Tommy Maddox at quarterback in 2002.

When that didn't work last season, Cowher went into training camp determined to build around the run again.

So far, the Steelers have run 179 times and thrown 123 times, even though playmaking rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger hasn't lost in three starts since replacing the injured Maddox.

"This is something we intended, and the numbers are what we hoped would happen," Cowher said. "We've also been up in games, not behind and not playing catch up. When we get up, we kind of shut down the pass, run the football and run the clock."

Meanwhile, Maddox continues to heal from his torn right elbow ligament but is not close to being ready to throw again. Maddox was told after getting hurt Sept. 19 that he couldn't throw for a minimum of six weeks.

Cowher was asked what he will do at quarterback once Maddox can play again.

"I'm just going to laugh at that question right now," Cowher said.

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AFC individual leaders

Week 5

Quarterbacks

Player	Att	Comp	Yds	TD	Int
Manning, Ind.	157	101	1323	14	2
Pennington, N.Y.-J.	122	87	929	5	2
Brees, S.D.	118	77	893	4	2
Carr, Hou.	113	69	1075	7	4
Wade, N.E.	113	69	1075	7	4
Roethlisberger, Pitt.	88	57	744	5	4
Bledsoe, Cin.	109	65	695	2	4
Plummer, Den.	105	65	695	2	4
McNair, Ten.	105	65	695	2	4
Leftwich, Jac.	167	105	1066	4	5

Rushers

Player	Att	Yds	LG	TD
Brown, Tex.	127	556	54	30
Martin, N.Y.-J.	107	502	47	24
J. Lewis, Bal.	104	475	47	23
Staley, Pitt.	100	489	45	38
Holmes, K.C.	107	475	44	38
Tomlinson, S.D.	103	471	46	42
Dillon, N.Y.-J.	84	417	58	4
J. Johnson, Cin.	92	325	39	19
Taylor, Jac.	63	328	40	5

Receivers

Player	No	Yds	Av	LG
Ward, Pitt.	34	405	13.4	58
Mason, Ten.	31	312	11.3	38
Gates, S.D.	31	342	11.0	29
Johnson, Hou.	29	525	18.1	54
Harrison, Ind.	29	525	18.1	54
McMichael, Mia.	28	326	12.0	37
Bennett, Ten.	27	311	11.5	35
Wayne, Ind.	26	434	16.7	44
Smith, Den.	25	325	13.0	44
Moudis, Buf.	26	296	11.4	41

Punters

Player	No	Yds	Av	LG
Lechler, H. Smith, Ind.	15	709	63	46.7
L. Mills, Bal.	15	697	46.5	46.7
Knorr, Den.	21	957	46	45.6
Chen, K.C.	10	459	45.9	44.7
Gardecki, Pitt.	28	1222	43.6	42.6
Hendrich, Ten.	16	695	61	43.4
Prost, C.J.	22	912	41.3	43.3
Scifres, S.D.	28	959	34.2	42.2
Staley, Bal.	18	774	43.0	43.0

Punt Returners

Player	No	Yds	Av	LG
Sams, Bal.	21	311	14.8	78
Smith, Den.	87	124	1.4	28
Moses, Hou.	14	158	11.3	24
Ward, Bal.	11	116	10.5	44
Norhouth, Cle.	10	90	9.0	44
Ward, Bal.	11	116	10.5	44
Briganti, Mia.	9	89	9.9	36
Holmshand, Cin.	6	55	9.2	21
Wesley, S.D.-Mia.	8	69	8.6	21
Parker, S.D.	8	83	10.4	19

Kickoff Returners

Player	No	Yds	Av	LG
McGee, Buf.	15	293	26.6	41
Dandridge, D. Pitt.	16	424	26.5	47
Garland, Oak.	19	500	26.3	87
Murphy, Den.	12	310	25.8	48
Pryatt, Ind.	7	179	25.6	32
Kidd, Den.	10	250	25.0	32
Hendrich, Cin.	9	219	24.3	32
McCoy, K.C.	10	273	27.3	48
Colditz, Bal.	12	273	22.8	48

Scoring

Touchdowns

Player	TD	Touchdowns	Rec	Pts
Bettis, Pitt.	6	6	0	36
Holmes, K.C.	6	6	0	36
LaRabie, N.Y.-J.	5	5	0	30
James, Ind.	5	5	0	30
Wade, N.E.	4	4	0	24
Brown, Ten.	4	4	0	24
Johnson, Hou.	4	4	0	24
J. Lewis, Bal.	4	4	0	24
Tomlinson, S.D.	4	4	0	24
Staley, Pitt.	8	8	0	48

Kicking

Player	PA	FG	LG	Yds
Elam, Den.	7	9-11	50	45
Dawson, Cin.	7	9-11	50	45
K. Brown, Hou.	11-11	9-10	49	38
Johnson, Hou.	11-11	9-10	49	38
Janikowski, Oak.	9	9-10	50	38
Johnson, Hou.	11-11	9-10	49	38
Bryan, Cin.	11-11	9-10	49	38
Joyce, Bal.	6-6	7-9	53	32
Graham, Cin.	6-6	7-9	48	30
Johnson, Hou.	11-11	9-10	49	38
Reed, Pitt.	13-13	5-5	51	28
Vanderjager, Ind.	16-16	4-4	46	28

Team statistics

AVERAGE PER GAME

Team	Yards	Pass	Yds	Pass
Indianapolis	384	1316	257.8	81.2
Houston	382	1016	261.2	78.8
Pittsburgh	356	1112	274.8	88.8
Denver	356	1112	274.8	88.8
New England	340	1055	264.3	78.8
Tennessee	333	1050	182.1	82.1
San Diego	331	1075	191.0	82.1
Philadelphia	319	1075	184.0	79.0
Cincinnati	313	1133	198.0	82.1
Jacksonville	284	1276	191.0	82.1
Buffalo	268	950	177.5	77.5
Baltimore	266	1050	184.0	79.0
Cleveland	262	1078	184.0	79.0
Miami	243	1078	184.0	79.0

DEFENSE

Team	Yards	Pass	Yds	Pass
Denver	240.8	86.6	142.2	55.6
Pittsburgh	234.8	104.8	130.0	55.6
Philadelphia	219.7	104.0	115.7	55.6
San Diego	219.7	104.0	115.7	55.6
New York Jets	205.0	103.1	101.9	55.6
New England	201.1	114.3	107.8	55.6
Kansas City	194.0	114.3	107.8	55.6
Atlanta	188.0	114.3	107.8	55.6
Buffalo	219.5	85.0	134.5	55.6
Arizona	214.0	104.0	110.0	55.6
Cincinnati	214.0	104.0	110.0	55.6
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Warner, A.F.C.	113	69	1075	7	4
Hasselbeck, N.S.	120	72	863	6	2
Farrow, S.D.	139	82	1003	2	2
Aa. Brooks, N.S.	140	82	1003	2	2
Farrow, S.D.	139	82	1003	2	2
Delhomme, Car.	126	75	945	6	2

Rushers

er, NY-G	96	577	6.0
s, Was.	117	422	3.6
G.B.	99	405	4.1
nder, Sea.	87	382	4.4
ulk, St.L	84	364	4.3
es, Chi.	79	361	4.6
a, Ariz	84	353	4.2
brook, Phi.	64	351	5.5
, Atl.	87	343	3.9
w, S.F.	78	288	3.7

Rice thinks Raiders looking to trade him

The Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Jerry Rice believes he could be traded by the Oakland Raiders before the Oct. 19 deadline.

Rice, who turned 42 on Wednesday, told Sacramento radio station KFTK on Tuesday that his days with Oakland might be numbered, and that he wants to play for a team that will better utilize his talents.

Speculation surfaced last week about a possible swap with the Detroit Lions.

"When rumors get started like that, something is going on," Rice said. "I don't know how much longer I'll be wearing the silver

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and black. The thing is, I know wherever I go, that that team will get something special because I'll give them 100 percent and I'll make plays on the football field to help that team win."

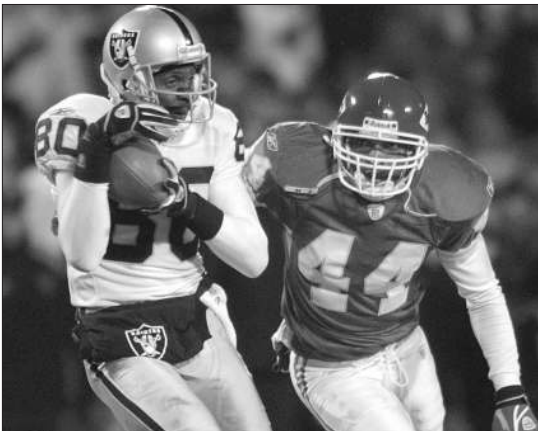
Michael Lombardi, the Raiders' senior personnel executive, said Tuesday that the Detroit story "was not remotely accurate."

Rice's role with the Raiders has been greatly diminished this season. Through five games, the NFL's career leader in catches and touchdowns has five receptions for 67 yards and no touchdowns — his receptions are tied for eighth on the team.

Rice has shown his frustration several times already, and admitted last week that the limited role is affecting him.

His NFL record streak of 274 straight games with a catch ended in the second game of the season, a 13-10 victory over the Buffalo Bills.

"I can't go out this way," Rice said Tuesday. "If some things had been explained to me before the season started, then maybe the situation would be different now. I want to come back, I want to play next year, and I want to go out the right way. I don't know if I'll be in a Raiders uniform, but I'll be somewhere on the field doing my



Raiders wide receiver Jerry Rice (80) said he wants to be traded to a team that will better utilize his talents.

thing. . . . From what I was told, I'd be a significant part and I'd have opportunities and I'd make plays. This is a business, man, and you never know."

Calico might need ACL repaired

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee Titans receiver Tyrone Calico was scheduled for surgery Thursday to repair torn cartilage in his left knee and might need to have his anterior cruciate ligament fixed as well.

"That being the case, we'll lose him for the year," coach Jeff Fisher said Tuesday.

Calico has played in one game this season. He missed the first three games after spraining both knees and tearing cartilage in his left knee Aug. 30 in a preseason

game at Dallas. Fisher said the team doctor noticed fraying on the ACL when he repaired the cartilage then.

But Calico's knee appeared stable enough that he played in Tennessee's 38-17 loss at San Diego on Oct. 3 only to fall down after trying to make a cut in the flat.

Fisher said having Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., repair all the damage would be in the best interest of Calico's career.

Even if Andrews only repairs the medial meniscus, Calico still would be out up to 10 weeks.

Mike Williams signs with agent

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Wide receiver Mike Williams, turned down in his attempt to re-

turn to play at Southern California after the courts kept him out of the NFL Draft, has hired an agent — again.

Williams, expected to be a first-round draft pick next April, will be represented by Tony Fleming and Mitch Frankel of Impact Sports Management.

"Mike will continue his education at USC, where he will train in preparation for his NFL career," Fleming said in a statement issued Tuesday.

Williams caught 95 passes for 1,314 yards and a school-record 16 touchdowns as a sophomore last season to help the Trojans (12-1) win the national championship. He finished eighth in the Heisman Trophy balloting.

After a court ruled that last win-

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prognosis. (See Friday's edition for complete injury report.)
Jets: WR Santana Moss (hamstring) didn't practice Wednesday and is questionable for Sunday's game.
Panthers: DT Kris Jenkins (shoulder) was put on injured reserve and will miss the rest of the season.

ter that Ohio State's Maurice Clarett was eligible to play in the NFL, Williams left USC, hired Mike Azzarelli as his agent and said he was turning pro. That made him ineligible to play for the Trojans.

An appeals court overturned the earlier ruling and upheld the NFL's right to bar players who had been out of high school for less than three years — as was the case with Clarett and Williams.

After the appeals court ruling, Williams severed ties with his agent and began the process of applying to the NCAA for reinstatement. He returned to USC and took summer classes, seeking to have his academic eligibility also restored.

It was all for naught — the NCAA turned down his request Aug. 26 — two days before top-ranked USC's season-opener against Virginia Tech.

Peterson has Achilles' surgery

SAN FRANCISCO 49ers All-Pro linebacker Julian Peterson underwent season-ending surgery on his torn left Achilles tendon Tuesday.

Backup fullback Jasean Isom also had surgery for the same injury.

"Julian and Jasean each had surgery on their Achilles this morning and both went well," team physician Dr. Michael Dillingham said. "Each of them will be in a cast for six-to-eight weeks. We will begin the rehab process when the casts are removed."

Peterson, a two-time Pro Bowl selection, had 2½ sacks in the first four games despite reporting just two weeks before the season opener after a lengthy contract holdout.

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176	raidernation	Isa anacoda
176	rep58	712 ABG
176	Bones	Sasebu, Japan
176	Triple J...L	Camp Bondsteel
174	Chief	JAC Molewsthor
174	pantaus71	Patch Bks, Stuttgart
174	Big "D"	NSA Naples, Italy

Best Overall Scores

912	giants#1	hbc 2/37 ar
898	Chickybowow	726 AMS
852	Jaguar One	DoDDS
850	Dick	Camp Zama
850	james_a_morgan	NCTAMS EURCENT
848	Mercury1	Misawa AB
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See websites for official game rules.

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Opening: Late rally by Sox falls short vs. Rivera

OPENING, FROM BACK PAGE

"Turns out, we really needed him," Mussina said. "I'm sure glad he came back."

Rivera returned home to Panama on Sunday after two relatives were electrocuted in his swimming pool. On Tuesday, he attended funeral services, then boarded a private jet provided by the Yankees for the trip to New York. About six hours later, he was back at the ballpark, and by the fifth inning he was in the bullpen.

"It was tough coming on that plane alone," Rivera said.

When he got to the mound in the eighth, Derek Jeter spoke to him.

"Get him out," he told Rivera. He did, with Millar popping out to the Yankees captain.

"What he did tonight was phenomenal with all the tragedy he's been through," Millar said.

Bernie Williams hit a two-run double in the bottom half off Mike Timlin, a ball that soared over Manny Ramirez in left and gave Williams three RBIs.

Variet and Orlando Cabrera made the ninth interesting with one-out singles. Bill Mueller, whose two-run home off Rivera beat the Yankees at Fenway Park on July 24, hit a comebacker that Rivera turned into a game-ending double play. Afterward, Jeter and Alex Rodriguez gave Rivera hearty hugs and first baseman John Olerud gave him the ball in honor of his 31st postseason save.

"He's the most impressive teammate I've had in my 16 years in the big leagues," Rodriguez said.

Earlier, Mussina dominated



New York Yankees captain Derek Jeter, left, speaks with closer Mariano Rivera, who got the final four outs in Game 1 on Tuesday.

the Red Sox, a team he came within a strike of a perfect game against at Fenway Park on Sept. 2, 2001.

This time he ended New York's streak of losses in four straight playoff openers, striking out eight, allowing four runs and four hits in 6 1/2 innings and getting the win. He struck out the top of the order—all looking—in the fourth inning, part of a streak of five straight strikeouts, tying the LCS record.

"That's the best six innings I've had all year," Mussina said.

Matusz's double in the first put New York ahead and his three-run double off the right-field wall in the third made his 5-0-9 against Schilling. Matusz added a run-scoring single in the seventh off Wakefield, who also allowed a solo homer to Kenny Lofton.

Schilling, who led the major leagues with 21 wins, had been 6-0 in nine postseason starts since 1993, but allowing more than two earned runs. His right ankle, which he injured in September and aggravated last week, hurt him. Anakin, was injected with a painkiller, and he had trouble pushing off the pitching rubber.

"If I can't go out there with something better than that," Schilling said, "I'm not going back out there."

Boston's ailing ace decked

Hobbled by sore ankle, Schilling has his worst playoff start

By HOWARD ULMAN
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The worst outing of his playoff career was over and Curt Schilling felt little — other than the disappointment of letting his team down.

His sore right ankle, injected with a painkiller, was still numb. And he wasn't sure if he would be able to pitch again in the AL championship series.

Tuesday was a tough night for the ace of the Boston pitching staff, the major league leader this season with 21 victories. He had allowed six runs in the first three innings of the New York Yankees' 10-7 victory in the opener of the AL championship series.

He wanted to wait until Wednesday to get a better idea about the injury.

"I will wake up and go from there," he said with little expression.

Schilling had pitched well after the injury, diagnosed as tendinitis, on Sept. 21 against Baltimore. In that game, a 3-2 Red Sox victory, he struck out 14 and allowed three hits and one walk in eight shutout innings.

Five days later in an 11-4 win over the Yankees, he allowed two runs and one hit in seven innings. And in the opener of the AL division series in Anaheim, he allowed two earned runs and nine hits in 6 1/2 innings.

He appeared to aggravate the injury in the seventh inning against the Angels when he felled a grounder, threw wildly to first and grabbed his right ankle. He faced just one more batter in that 9-3 victory.

But he thought pinning the ankle and getting an injection of marcaine would get him through Tuesday's game. He soon found out that he had trouble pushing off the rubber, which cut the speed on his fastball.

"I couldn't get anything behind the ball," he said. "I just couldn't make it work."

He retired the first two batters, then allowed two runs in the first on doubles by Gary Sheffield and Hideki Matsui and a single by Bernie Williams. After a perfect second, Schilling gave up four more runs in the third, three on Matsui's double and the other on Jorge Posada's sacrifice fly.

After throwing just 58 pitches, he was done, re-

placed in the fourth by Curtis Leskanic.

"It was good to get him out [of the game] because we're going to need him later in the series," center fielder Johnny Damon said.

If he's healthy enough to pitch and if the Yankees don't sweep the best-of-seven series, Schilling's next start would be in Game 5 Sunday at Fenway Park.

"If I can't go out there with something better than that, I'm not going back out there," Schilling said.

He couldn't be much worse, but manager Terry Francona said he's not concerned yet that Schilling might miss his start.

"It's way too early," Francona said. "We played one game."

Only once in 13 postseason starts had Schilling allowed more than two earned runs. The other time came when he gave up six in 7 1/2 innings in a 1993 World Series game for Philadelphia against Toronto.

But the ankle wasn't Schilling's only problem Tuesday. The Yankees batters made plenty of trouble for him.

"We had good at-bats. He had his wits with us last time he faced us up in Boston," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "We made him work hard, I guess."

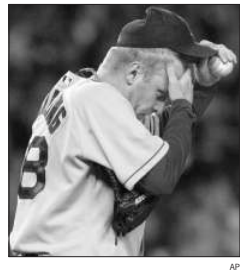
Schilling gave fans a chance to hoot him as he walked off the mound one day after he said, "I'm not sure I can think of any scenario more enjoyable than making 55,000 people from New York shut up."

But when Schilling ran into trouble, Francona wasn't ready to give up.

"He just didn't look right," Francona said. "We were trying to give him every opportunity because his heart's so big and he has the ability to reach back."

But he threw more offspeed pitches than normal, had trouble with his usual precise control and gave the Yankees such a big lead that they withstood Boston's comeback from an 8-0 deficit.

"If they sent anybody else but me out there tonight we would have won," he said.



Curt Schilling, whose ankle was injected with a painkiller before Game 1, gave up six runs in three innings. Speaking about his status for the rest of the ALCS, the 21-game winner said, "If I can't go out there with something better than that, I'm not going back out there."

Major League Baseball scoreboard

Baseball playoffs	
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES	
American League	
Tuesday, Oct. 12	
New York 7, Boston 7, New York leads series 1-0	
Wednesday, Oct. 13	
Boston (Martinez 16-9) at New York (Lieber 14-8)	
Friday, Oct. 15	
New York (Brown 15-8) at Boston (Llerio 10-9)	
Saturday, Oct. 16	
New York (Hernandez 8-2 or Vazquez 14-10) at Boston (Wakefield 12-10)	
Sunday, Oct. 17	
New York at Boston	
Tuesday, Oct. 19	
Boston at New York, if necessary	
Wednesday, Oct. 20	
Boston at New York, if necessary	
National League	
Tuesday, Oct. 12	
Houston (Buckley 5-5) at St. Louis (Williams 11-8)	
Wednesday, Oct. 13	
Houston (Munro 4-7) at St. Louis (Morris 15-10)	
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St. Louis (Suppan 16-9) at Houston (Clemens 14-8)	
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St. Louis (Marcus 15-11) at Houston (Clemens 14-8)	
Saturday, Oct. 16	
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Variet	4	1	0	0	0	1
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Errors	0					
Left on base	10					
Strikeouts	10					
Base on balls	0					
Wild pitches	0					
Balks	0					
Umpires	Joe Posada					
Game time	2:30					
Attendance	34,000					
Box score	www.mlb.com					

Houston's Pettitte feeling left out

By DAVID LENNON
Newsday

ST. LOUIS — The Astros lifted a 42-year hex when they eliminated the Braves and advanced past the first round of the playoffs for the first time in franchise history. But in the clubhouse, Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell were finally liberated from years of postseason futility, but Andy Pettitte, already the owner of four World Series rings, was not quite in a mood to celebrate.

Pettitte signed with the Astros to bring them a share of the success he enjoyed in New York. Instead, he surrendered to elbow surgery in August, thinking like everyone else in baseball that Houston's hopes for the playoffs had been lost.

Two months later, the Yankees

are in the league championship, as expected. So, too, are the Astros. And Pettitte isn't pitching for either team.

"It's killing me so bad because this is all I've ever known," said Pettitte, who is 13-8 with a 4.05 ERA in 30 playoff starts. "Since I've been in the big leagues, when I get to spring training, the point was to get to the World Series. To not be a part of it right now is very unfamiliar territory. It's tearing me up."

While his teammates spent Tuesday talking about the NLCS matchup with the Cardinals that began Wednesday, Pettitte was in the trainer's room, working through another session of his lengthy rehab for a repaired flexor tendon. In the players' lounge later, Pettitte glanced at the television to see a live broadcast from

Yankee Stadium, where his former team was preparing to face Boston.

There is no place for Pettitte to hide from the fact he's not in the playoffs this year, and it makes his season-long injury more difficult to bear. His last start was Aug. 12, right before the Astros made their improbable surge to the wildcard round and 16-12 record over the final six weeks.

Roger Clemens remembered watching Pettitte that night and he felt sick about the amount of pain he had seen and his close friend was experiencing. With the Astros spiraling, Clemens said he was the one who convinced Pettitte to have the surgery.

"He couldn't pitch," Clemens said Tuesday, "but he would have tried if he knew injury was to this point. He'd be pitching right-handed right now."

Morning, glory for Rivera

Reliever's inner strength was the story of Game 1

Somewhere the night, laden with so much drama and history, seemed destined to distill down to the inevitable confrontation: Mariano Rivera once again choking off the Boston Red Sox.

He was there on the mound when the Yankees desperately needed him, as they so often have, making the long journey Tuesday from funeral to field, Panama to New York, exhausted, emotionally spent yet no less effective than ever.

His day began with hymns, prayers and tears, yet there he was at Yankee Stadium at close to midnight, taking a final tap back to the mound to start a game-ending double play and save a 10-7 victory in Game 1 of the American League Championship Series.

Did anyone expect anything else?

"It took a lot for him to go out there tonight," Yankees captain Derek Jeter said. "He's the most mentally tough person I've ever played with."

Great athletes sometimes play their best when they are suffering grief or illness. They summon inner strength, a higher level of concentration. Or perhaps, like Rivera, they lean on their faith.

Brett Favre responded that way last year when his father died.

Pete Sampras served aces through his tears when his coach was diagnosed with cancer.

Rivera wept through much of a five-hour fight from Panama and arrived in the second inning, his mere presence enough to inspire the Yankees to a four-run surge in the third.

For a while, it looked as if his arm would not be needed. Curt Schilling, who had planned on shutting down the Yankees and shutting up their fans, got shelved and was gone after that ugly third inning.

By the end of the sixth, the Yankees were up 8-0, Mike Mussina brilliant with a perfect game going. He threw his eighth strikeout to start the seventh inning and few fans could envision a call for Rivera in this game.

He had entered the bullpen in the fifth inning, receiving hearty hugs from his teammates and cheers from the crowd. He was smiling, probably for the first time since learning Saturday that two of his wife's relatives had died from electrocution when a cable fell in the pool at Rivera's home in Panama.

He had flown to the funeral and back by a private jet hired by the Yankees, but with Mussina cruising there seemed little reason for Rivera to be more than just a spectator along with 56,135 others.

The Red Sox, though, have one of the most explosive lineups in baseball. They finally lit up Mussina with two doubles and two singles and sent him to the showers with a well-earned round of cheers. Jason Varitek's two-run homer off reliever Tanyon Sturtze made it 8-5, and a suddenly nervous Yankee Stadium crowd had a good reason to quiet down.

Steve Wilstein



When Boston scored two more runs in the eighth to make it 8-7, Yankees manager Joe Torre didn't hesitate a moment about going to Rivera, the most dominant reliever in playoff history and a personal nemesis of the Red Sox.

With the crowd standing and cheering, Rivera jogged in from the bullpen with David Ortiz on third after a two-run, two-out triple off Tom Gordon, who would have been the Yankees' closer had Rivera not returned.

"I just was thinking, what can possibly be going on with his head right now?" the Yankees' Gary Sheffield said.

Everyone else was thinking the same thing.

But Rivera's mind was clear. He wanted to be home with his family, but he had a job to do.

"It was tough," he said, adding that the prayers of his families and friends had helped him get through the day. "I wanted to pitch. I wanted to be there. My teammates needed me there."

When Torre gave Rivera the ball, Jeter draped his right arm over Rivera's left shoulder and told him simply, "Get him out."

Four pitches later, Rivera got Kevin Millar to pop up harmlessly to short.

"What he did tonight was phenomenal with all the tragedy he's been through," Millar said.

The Yankees gave Rivera a wiggle room in the bottom of the eighth, scoring two runs for a 10-7 lead. Rivera didn't need the extra runs. One pitch in the ninth got him the final out, a walk by Trot Nixon.

After singles by Varitek and Orlando Cabrera, Rivera ended the game by getting Bill Mueller to tap back to the mound.

Rivera grabbed the ball and whirled to second to start a double play that closed out the Red Sox once more.

"I don't think I trust anybody more than I trust Mariano," Torre said. "When he tells you he's OK, he's OK. Sometimes in situations like this, everybody's OK. Sometimes in situations like this, everybody's OK."

It was a chance, Torre meant, for Rivera to escape the tragedy for a little while. Rivera's way of doing that was to pitch his heart out for his teammates and the fans who have come to rely on him for nearly a decade. In those few minutes on the mound, he showed again the strength of character that has always been there, crucial to his success than the strength of his arm.

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Reds part ways with Larkin after 19 years

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Barry Larkin's stellar 19-year career with his hometown team ended Tuesday with a one-sided phone call.

The Cincinnati Reds informed their captain they aren't interested in keeping him around for another season. Instead, the Reds will replace the 40-year-old shortstop with two unproven youngsters.

Larkin was at his home in Orlando, Fla., when Cincinnati Manager Dan O'Brien and manager Dave Miley — a former teammate — called with the decision.

"It wasn't pleasant," Larkin told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "But it is what it is. It's definitely disappointing. I have decisions to make."

Larkin's 19 seasons with one team was the longest current streak in the majors. He had hoped for a 20th and was willing to discuss returning in a utility role, but the Reds ruled it out.

"You have to say goodbye to the great players, but the process of the game is ultimately, all great careers do eventually end," O'Brien said.

Larkin isn't sure whether his career is over. He hasn't decided whether to try to play one more season with another team, ending his career in a different uniform.

"I have to see what opportunities present themselves, if there's anything that makes sense," he said.

Bonds has knee surgery
SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Tuesday and is expected to be at full strength when the San Francisco Giants open spring training in February.

The slugger underwent a 20-minute arthritic cleanup procedure performed by San Jose

Sharks team physician Dr. Art Ting at the Fremont Surgery Center.

Bonds, 40, told the team he first felt pain Oct. 4, the day after the season ended, and he didn't want the injury to affect his offseason training.

Giants trainer Stan Conte said it would take three to six weeks for Bonds to rehabilitate the knee and he should be able to resume working out in November.

Indians decline to pick up Viquez's \$5M option
CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Indians declined to pick up Omar Viquez's \$5 million contract option for next season, making him eligible to be a free agent when the World Series ends.

"This step is a mere formality and does not impact the process in re-signing Omar Viquez," Indians General Manager Mark Shapiro said Tuesday. "It does not lessen our hope or desire in bringing Omar back."

The 37-year-old shortstop has said he wants to return for a 12th season in Cleveland, but the Indians are targeting a starting pitcher.

The Indians intend to pay Viquez's \$1 million buyout and could sign him to a new deal or enter salary arbitration with him by Dec. 7.

Shapiro last week called bringing back the widely popular Viquez "a long shot."

Sheets has back operation
MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee Brewers right-hander Ben Sheets underwent surgery to repair a herniated disc in his lower back on Tuesday and is expected to be ready for spring training.

Sheets had a microscopic lumbar discectomy, a 30-minute procedure that was performed by Dr. Drew Dosssett in Dallas, general manager Doug Melvin said.

Sheets had been bothered by a bad back for two years.

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Caminiti tribute planned for NLCS

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Following the Houston Astros' first postseason series victory in club history, teammates want to remember former slugger Ken Caminiti.

The tribute for Caminiti, who died of an apparent heart attack last week, last week is scheduled for Saturday's National League Championship Series game against the St. Louis Cardinals at Minute Maid Park.

Team officials told the Houston Chronicle late Tuesday that details of the remembrance have not been finalized.

Caminiti played for the Astros twice over a 15-year career in which he struggled with substance abuse and legal troubles. He checked himself into a rehabilitation clinic in 2000. In November 2001, he was arrested at a South-west Freeway motel in Houston and charged with possession of less than a gram of cocaine.



Caminiti

Caminiti was sentenced to three years' probation in 2002.

After Caminiti failed four drug tests during his probation, it was revoked Oct. 5. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, but was given credit for the 189 days he had served in jail or in drug treatment programs and was released.

Caminiti, who batted left, was one of the major league players with Houston in 1987, was traded to San Diego in 1995. He was the 1996 National

League Most Valuable Player and won three Gold Gloves for fielding prowess.

A cause of death is still pending for Caminiti, 41. It will be released in a week to 10 days when toxicology and tissue tests are completed, said Ellen Borakove, spokeswoman for the New York City Medical Examiner's Office.

The former All-Star third baseman had been upset in his final days, eager to put his troubles behind him, said his lawyer, Terry Yates. He added that the ex-athlete wanted to go to Montana to work on a land development project and think about his life.

"He was going to relax, get back to nature," Yates told the newspaper in Wednesday's edition. "He was going to do some bow hunting."

Book by former Lakers coach details conflicts with Bryant

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Phil Jackson called his relationship with Kobe Bryant at times a "psychological war" and sought to trade his star guard in January, according to a diary of the former Lakers coach.

The diary of the 2003-04 season, titled "The Last Season: A Team in Search of Its Soul," will be released this month. An excerpt of the book will be published in next week's issue of *Los Angeles* magazine.

"I do know that there were many occasions this year when I felt like there was a psychological war going on between us," Jackson wrote. "Amazingly, we came to a truce, even to a higher level of trust. Ultimately, though, I don't believe we developed enough trust between us to win a championship."

Jackson said the strain between him and Bryant led him to hire a therapist to consult with during the season, according to the *Los Angeles Times*, which carried excerpts from the magazine in its Tuesday edition.

"It's no sweat for me, man," Bryant said. "He's a great coach. I really learned a lot from him and I respect him from that standpoint. But this is a new challenge for me here, so I'm not going to be labor that somebody might say from past events."



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Jackson wrote he became so frustrated with Bryant that he told general manager Mitch Kupchak in January, "I won't coach this team next year if he is still here. He won't listen to anyone. I've had it with this kid."

Bryant was aware of Jackson's ultimatum.

"I heard something like that, but I wasn't going to let that comment between me and the team," Bryant said.

It was not the first time Jackson requested the team trade Bryant. He sought to trade him to the Phoenix Suns for Jason Kidd and Shawn Marion in the 1999-00 season. But then-general manager Jerry West told Jackson that owner Jerry Buss would never trade the Laker star, he wrote in his diary. Jackson said he was told the same thing last season.

The Lakers released a statement on behalf of Buss and Kupchak, saying Jackson's book contained "several inaccuracies" but declined to elaborate.

Jazz guard Lopez out indefinitely with knee injury

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah Jazz point guard Larry Lopez, who

missed the 2002-03 season after having a second surgery on his right knee, will be out indefinitely after bumping his leg over the weekend.

He will continue to lift weights and train in the pool, but not practice or play.

Lopez bumped his knee during a scrimmage Saturday night and a stress test showed the knee was weak. Jazz spokesman Kim Turner said Tuesday.

Lopez, 23, played in all 82 games last season, averaging 7.0 points and 3.7 assists, mostly backing up Carlos Arroyo.

Woods suspended without pay pending dogfight investigation

TUALATIN, Ore. — The Portland Trail Blazers suspended reserve forward Qyntel Woods without pay Tuesday pending a team investigation surrounding alleged dogfighting.

Woods' Lake Oswego home was searched Monday by Clackamas County Sheriff's deputies, acting on a warrant obtained after allegations that Woods abandoned his dog, reportedly because it would not fight for him.

No criminal charges have been filed.

"We are deeply disturbed by the developments in this case and we believe that suspending Qyntel is warranted and necessary," team president Steve Patterson said in a written statement.

NHL fines Thrashers owner Belkin \$250K for comments about lockout

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NHL fined one of the owners of the Atlanta Thrashers \$250,000 on Tuesday for saying the league would use replacement players next year if a new collective bargaining agreement isn't reached. The Associated Press has learned.

Steve Belkin, a member of Atlanta Spirit, LLC — the group that bought the Thrashers earlier this year — was given the hefty fine for comments he made over the weekend to the *Boston Herald*, said an official within the league speaking on the condition of anonymity.

"I deeply regret the comments I made to the *Boston Herald*, which were my personal, uninformed views, and not those of the Atlanta Thrashers' ownership and management — nor those of the National Hockey League," Belkin said in a statement.

Belkin, a Weston, Mass., businessman, said the NHL had solicited for next fall if a new collective bargaining agreement wasn't reached.

"We are going to try everything we can to resolve this," Belkin told the newspaper in a Tuesday edition. "If we reach an impasse and it goes on for a year, we will attempt to bring in other players. That's not good for anyone. That's a last resort."

"But if that's the only alterna-



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tive, say, a year from now, we'll probably proceed with doing that," Belkin said. "I don't want to play up the caliber of the players over a period of time."

The league's collective bargaining agreement with the players' association expired last month, and commissioner Gary Bettman immediately imposed a lockout that threatens the season that was supposed to begin Wednesday night.

The sides haven't spoken or held negotiations since Sept. 9, one week before the old deal ran out, and no new talks are scheduled.

Belkin apologizes for intentional yellow card

LONDON — David Beckham apologized Wednesday for the yellow card play that earned him a convenient World Cup suspension. He hopes that will be enough to avoid any punishment and allow him to remain England's captain.

FIFA President Sepp Blatter, who had urged English soccer authorities to take action, welcomed the apology but said it wouldn't necessarily keep Beckham out of trouble.

"It makes a difference," Blatter told BBC Radio. "It will give to those who judge such an action

some positive circumstances, but you cannot just forget what has happened."

Beckham knew he would miss Wednesday's game at Azerbaijan because he broke a rib during Saturday's 2-0 victory over Wales.

Carrying a yellow card from a previous game, he fouled Welsh defender Ben Thatcher so he could serve the automatic ban while injured.

England should easily beat Azerbaijan without its captain, and Beckham will start with a clean slate for the next World Cup qualifying games.

Now know that was wrong and apologize to the Football Association, the England manager, my teammates and all England fans for this," Beckham said.

WBA bantamweight champ Bredahl retires

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — WBA bantamweight champion Johnny Bredahl of Denmark relinquished his title and is quitting boxing because of lingering injuries to his hands, his promoters said Wednesday.

Bredahl, who grabbed the WBA title in April 2002 after he stopped Venezuela's Eddy Moya, said he was "with deep sorrow" that he had to relinquish "my beloved WBA title."

Bredahl, 36, who began boxing at age 19 and turned pro in 1988, retired with a 55-2 record, including 26 knockouts.



Seattle Storm guard Betty Lennox (22) scored a team-high 23 points as the Storm gave Seattle its first major sports championship since the SuperSonics won the NBA championship in 1979.

Game 3, WNBA title are taken by Storm

Donovan becomes first female coach to guide team to league championship

By TIM BOOTH
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Betty Lennox and the Seattle Storm gave the city its first major professional sports title in 25 years and made Anne Donovan the first female championship coach in WNBA history.

Lennox scored 23 points to lead the Storm to a 74-60 victory over the Connecticut Sun on Tuesday night in the decisive third game of the WNBA Finals.

Fans chanted, "Betty! Betty!" when Lennox stepped to the free-throw line with 2:35 remaining. She made both shots to cap a 33-12 run that made it 71-56.

Fans chanted the chant to "M-V-P! M-V-P!" when she returned to the line with 1:40 to go, and the fans got what they wanted moments later when WNBA Commissioner Val Ackerman told the sellout crowd of 17,072 that Lennox had won the award.

"Coach Donovan knew what this team needed and she saw those criteria in me and she took a shot at it and gave me an opportunity," Lennox said.

The previous eight WNBA champions were coached by men. Houston's Van Chancellor (1997-00), Los Angeles' Michael Cooper (2001-02) and Detroit's Bill Laimbeer (2003).

"I think you have to get to that next level before you can get complete respect," Donovan said. "Some of the credibility issues that people are reluctant to give female coaches, this will help."

The Storm, who tied the series with a 67-65 home victory Sunday night after losing the opener in Connecticut, pulled away in the second half behind Lennox to

give Seattle its first major pro championship since the SuperSonics won the 1979 NBA title.

"I never played for a championship in front of my home crowd and that was huge for us," said coach Bird, who won two WNBA titles at the University of Connecticut. "We had a huge advantage and we worked all year for that."

The league finals were not new territory for Donovan, who took Charlotte to the championship series in 2001.

Hired in Seattle before the 2003 season as coach and director of player personnel, she immediately won the favor of stars Lauren Jackson and Bird, using her experience as a player to develop strong relationships.

On the court, Donovan pressed Jackson to become more of an inside force and not rely so much on the outside shot, and allowed Bird to grow as a team leader.

In her first year under Donovan, Jackson was the league MVP.

"Anne Donovan is one of the best coaches in the world. I can't thank her enough for what she's done for me," Jackson said. "I'm so proud to play under her."

Perhaps Donovan's best personal move was the acquisition of Lennox from Cleveland in the 2003 dispersal draft.

In the league finals, Lennox averaged 22.3 points. Jackson added 13 points and seven rebounds. Connecticut's Nykesha Sales, who scored 14 in the WNBA Finals-record 32 points in Seattle's Game 2 victory, was 5-for-12 from the field and finished with 18 points. The rest of the Sun starters combined for only 26 points on 7-for-31 shooting.

No. 2 Oklahoma not out for revenge vs. Kansas St.

BY JEFF LATZKE

The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Revenge isn't a word second-ranked Oklahoma is using often this week heading into its game against Kansas State. Try preparation.

The Sooners were thoroughly beaten the last time they faced the Wildcats, and the loss is still grating on them. But don't count on vengeance becoming too big a part of their vocabulary.

"I've never been much on that, and I think our players understand that, too," coach Bob Stoops said Tuesday. "There's been a lot of people who want revenge on us or other people. Revenge doesn't do much."

"I think it gets down to execution, your focus, your intensity, your respect for the other team and being prepared to play."

Oklahoma was cruising along with 12 straight victories and rampant national championship talk as it headed into the Big 12 championship game last season. Math whizzes even figured out that a loss wouldn't cost the Sooners a shot at the national title.

That didn't stop Kansas State from relentlessly attacking a hobbled Jason White and unleashing tailback Darren Sproles for 235 yards rushing, including a 60-yard TD run in a 35-7 victory.

"We flat out got beat," White



Kansas State RB Darren Sproles rushed for 235 yards in a 35-7 win over Oklahoma last season.

said. "You can't say much about it. They played better than we did. They made plays. We didn't."

Perhaps the Sooners could have forgotten about it if they had gone on to beat LSU and won the national title. Instead, LSU used K-State's formula and sent the Sooners home with two straight losses.

"It's in our guts. We can't lie," cornerback Eric Bassey said. "We're not going to deny that. We

didn't feel like we played our best game. We didn't feel like we should have beat us actually. We felt like we had the better team and we didn't play up to our capabilities."

So instead of celebrating, Oklahoma spent the offseason watching films of the losses and looking for ways to get better.

For Sooners players, those images overshadowed that Kansas State (2-3, 0-2 Big 12) has struggled so far this season.

"In the back of your mind, you're thinking about how well they played against us and how poorly we played," White said.

The Sooners (5-0, 2-0) aren't spending too much time looking backward. They're focused on not letting it happen again.

"You can't do nothing but think about it and things you could have done better," White said. "You can't go back and change it. You can only get better from it."

This year's game will have some similarities, but many differences. Once again, Oklahoma comes in on a roll and the Wildcats have three blemishes on their record. Stoops will again face former mentor Bill Snyder, and White and Sproles return as the most recognizable offensive stars.

But the differences start there. No conference title will be at stake and the game will be at



Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops hugs RB Adrian Peterson after beating Texas 12-0 in Dallas on Saturday. Peterson rushed for 225 yards.

Kansas State instead of a somewhat-neutral Kansas City site.

More importantly, the Sooners have the country's fourth-leading rusher, Adrian Peterson, at running back and the Wildcats are without departed quarterback Eli Roberson.

Also, the Wildcats haven't had time to rebound from their losses and build momentum heading into the game. Instead, they will

be looking to turn their season around.

And one last thing: Oklahoma has a really big reason not to overlook the Wildcats this time.

"More than anything, they have our attention and we recognize them as a strong opponent, a team that is very capable and a team that beat us a year ago," Stoops said.

"We've got to play better. I look at it more that way than revenge."

Georgia tries to regroup after loss to Tennessee

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — The Georgia Bulldogs had all sorts of big plans: an undefeated season, a conference title, a national championship.

Now, a time to regroup. The Bulldogs (4-1) are still reeling from a mistake-filled loss to Tennessee, casting a sobering pall over a season that began with such hope.

"We were on our way," quarterback D.J. Shockley said Tuesday. "We were winning all our games. We were ranked No. 3 in the country. What more could you ask for?"

"Then you lose and it's like, 'Och, hih.' It's kind of a downer." Georgia played to No. 12 in the latest Associated Press poll, wiping out any thoughts of a national title for the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs are more focused on reaching the Southeastern Conference championship game for the third year in a row, but that's still a ways off after the 19-14 setback to Tennessee.

The Volunteers have already played their three toughest SEC games and hold the tiebreaker edge over Georgia and Florida.

The Bulldogs are tied with Tennessee at 2-1 in league play but have only one SEC game left at Sanford Stadium — Saturday's homecoming contest against Vanderbilt. The remaining schedule includes games at Arkansas, Kentucky and No. 4 Auburn, as

well as the annual trip to Jacksonville to play perennial nemesis Florida.

Receivers coach John Eason already reminded the players that one loss doesn't necessarily ruin a season. In 1993, when he was an assistant at Florida State, the Seminoles lost to Notre Dame in a battle of unbeatens, but wound up finishing No. 1 after the Fighting Irish were upset by Boston College the next week.

LSU both had a loss but wound up sharing the national title.

If the Bulldogs are going to run the table, they'll have to play much better than they did against Tennessee. From David Greene's errant throws to a rash of penalties to inexcusable breakdowns in the secondary, there's plenty of things to keep Georgia busy in practice this week.

Coach Mark Richt was especially disturbed by the lack of discipline in carrying out the game plan.

"They didn't do it the way the coaches asked them to," he said. "They went out on their own a little bit. They thought they saw something that they didn't, and they acted on it. That's just not what you do."

The Bulldogs failed to establish the run and left Greene at the mercy of Tennessee's pass rush. He was sacked five times — more than the first four games combined. Georgia had season lows in rushing attempts (29) and yards (56).



Georgia quarterback David Greene is sacked by Tennessee's Jason Hall (94) during the first quarter Saturday in Athens, Ga. Georgia fell from No. 3 to No. 12 in the AP poll after losing 19-14.

There was another major issue: penalties. Officially, Georgia was flagged 12 times for 82 yards, but the damage was much worse than that. Bryan McClendon had a 93-yard kickoff return to the Tennessee 2, but a holding call on Leonard Pope wiped out the play.

It went into the books as a 10-yard penalty, but it cost the Bulldogs 78 yards and an almost-certain touchdown.

The Bulldogs also took a blow on the defensive line. Ray Gant, who rotated at the tackle position, sustained a separated shoulder and will be out at least four to six weeks.

At least the Bulldogs have a good chance to restore their wounded pride this week. They have nine straight wins over Vanderbilt (1-4, 1-2).

USC prepares to face another unbeaten foe

BY JOHN NADEL

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Another game, another unbeaten opponent for No. 1 Southern California.

Coach Pete Carroll and his team should be getting used to this by now.

"It's normal to play in games like this," Carroll said Tuesday. "I don't want these guys to think it's the game of their lives every week. You can't have that every week. Every game is important, but you have to deal with them in a normal fashion."

The Trojans (5-0, 2-0 Pac-10) rallied for a 31-28 victory at Stanford on Sept. 25 to hand the Cardinal their first loss.

Then, after a week off, USC held off No. 8 California 23-17 last Saturday in what figured to be the Pac-10 game of the year.

Until this week, at least, No. the Trojans are preparing to play No. 15 Arizona State (5-0, 2-0) at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

"We are focusing well," Carroll said. "We are not being affected by what happened, but by what is coming up. Every week is a new test and we are being tested again this week."

Despite what the Trojans have accomplished and what they're used to, as Carroll put it, there is a major concern other than the caliber of the opposition.

"I live in fear of a letdown," he said. "It's why we have such a con-

sultation about ourselves. It's why we talk the way that we do. We do it to maintain a mentality that we're trying to separate from what is expected to meet the challenges every week."

The Trojans have won 14 straight games, 25 of their last 26 and 17 straight at the Coliseum. They beat Cal by keeping them out of the end zone in the final two minutes — after the Golden Bears were in a first-and-goal situation at the USC 9.

USC won despite getting 12 first downs to 28 for Cal and 205 yards in offense to Cal's 424.

Cal's Aaron Rodgers completed his first 23 passes to tie an NCAA single-game record for consecutive completions and was 29-for-31 for 267 yards before misfiring on his final three attempts.

USC faces another outstanding quarterback this week in Andrew Walter, a senior who has completed 98 of 179 passes for 1,249 yards and 15 touchdowns with only one interception.

The Trojans have been hit by injuries in the secondary, where they were vulnerable to begin with, and at wide receiver.

Starting safety Darnell Bing didn't play against Cal because of a shoulder injury but is expected back this week.

Steve Smith, USC's leading receiver with 27 receptions for 414 yards and two touchdowns, broke his left leg against Cal and is sidelined indefinitely.

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Yankees starter Mike Mussina retired the first 19 batters Tuesday in what he called "the best six innings I've had all year." He gave up four runs in 6²/₃ innings.



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Curt Schilling, who led the majors with 21 wins, allowed six runs in three innings and was hampered by an ankle injury that could sideline him for the rest of the ALCS.

Yankees win opening act

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NEW YORK — Mariano Rivera's day had been filled with so much sadness, a funeral for relatives in Panama followed by a lonely flight back.

Then, after the New York Yankees' lead dwindled from eight runs to one, the bullpen doors in left-center field swung open and he came.

His teammates needed him, the fans expected him, and the situation demanded him. And so the greatest closer in baseball just long enough to do what he does best: save the day.

Rivera stopped the surging Boston Red Sox yet again Tuesday. He got Kevin Millar to pop out to strand the tying run at third base



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Mariano Rivera attended a funeral for two relatives in Panama on Tuesday afternoon, then recorded his 31st postseason save that night.

in the eighth inning, then finished a thrilling 10-7 win for the Yankees in the AL championship series opener.

"I came here and my friends, my teammates treated me like a king, and that was something special," Rivera said, even more soft-spoken than usual. "I wanted to stay home and stay with my family, but I have a job to do, and I have 24 players that were waiting for me."

On a night that generated the kind of excitement expected from these great rivals, Hideki Matsui tied an ALCS record with five RBIs, four off Curt Schilling. The Boston ace allowed six runs in three innings and isn't sure whether his aching ankle will keep him out of the rest of the series, which continues Wednesday



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New York's Hideki Matsui tied an ALCS record with five RBIs in the Yankees' 10-7 victory in Game 1.

night with Boston's Pedro Martinez pitching against Jon Lieber. It will be Martinez's first start in New York since he called the Yankees "my daddy" last month.

"I expect him to be on. We need him to be," said Red Sox leadoff hitter Johnny Damon, who struck out four times in the opener. "There's no way we can come back to Boston down 2-0."

A rematch that had been anticipated since Aaron Boone's 11th-inning homer off Tim Lincecum won Game 7 last year began with Mike Mussina retiring the first 19 batters and New York opening an 8-0 lead.

"It was like it was too good to be true," New York manager Joe Torre said.

Sure was.

Mark Bellhorn doubled on a drive that hit the left-field wall on a hop. After Bellhorn's hit on Mussina's 86th pitch, Millar had a two-run double with two outs and

scored on a single by Trot Nixon. Tanyon Sturtze relieved and Jason Varitek hit a two-run homer on his third pitch, pulling the Red Sox to 8-5.

David Ortiz made it 8-7 with a two-run triple in the eighth against Tom Gordon, a ball that popped out of Matsui's glove near the top of the wall. That's when the crowd got up to welcome Rivera, perhaps the biggest factor in New York's six pennants and four World Series titles since 1996.

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